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Performer, Composer, Educator

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EDUCATION

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI – August 2008 - May 2012

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Jazz Studies

Minor in Spanish Language, Literature and Culture

Overall GPA: 3.862

The University of Nevada, Reno – August 2012 - May 2014

Master of Music in Jazz and Improvised Music

Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor

Overall GPA: 4.0

EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Cleveland Music School Settlement, Cleveland, OH 2010-2012

Taught jazz and basic musicianship to the enrolled students. I have taught group lessons and private lessons in this setting. Some topics included music theory, ensemble playing and aural skills.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Nevada, Reno August 2012 - May 2014

Teaching assistant for MUS 121 where I graded tests and terms papers for two years. I also taught various lectures and administered exams. This class focused on 'Music Through The Ages', giving enrolled students an eagle's eye view of Western Classical Music History from the early Baroque period to the present. In the jazz department, I often coached combos, ran sectionals and taught private lessons.

Instructor, Private Music Studio 2008-present

Instruments include: Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Piano, Guitar and Drums. I also offer lessons in Music Theory, Composition, Computer Music and Aural Skills. I keep a studio of five to ten students throughout the year, ranging in age from young children to adults.

Accompanist, Rudolf Steiner Schools of Ann Arbor 2016-2017

I worked as an accompanist for the Eurythmy program for both the lower and upper schools. I gave small lectures (K-12) regarding music theory, improvisation and other topics.

Director of Music Education, Go Like The Wind Montessori School August 2017-September 2021

-I taught general music to students in the infant program through middle school. I put on three concerts each year as well as held a Talent Show in the winter months.

-In addition to the normal daily music curriculum, I offered numerous after school opportunities for the children. These opportunities included Choir, Pop/Rock Band and Electronic/Computer Music. I often worked one on one with the students outside of class, as I am proficient on many different instruments.

Band Director, Livingston Classical Academy January 2020-June 2020

I directed the middle school band. We rehearsed twice per week for one hour each day. This was a short stay as my wife gave birth to boy/girl twins in June of 2020.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS/SKILLS

- Gave a talk on Frederic Chopin to piano teachers from the Michigan Music Teachers Association (September 2016).
- Composed two pieces of music that were used at a 'Dance Now!' performance in Morgantown, WV (2016).
- Attended American Legion Boys State leadership conference (OH).
- Attended the SIM (School For Improvised Music) conference in NYC (Summer 2013).
- Composed and arranged numerous works for Elementary Band and Orchestra.
- Composed numerous children's songs and activities in the spirit of 'Raffi' for my work with children. I am currently recording an album of these tunes.
- I perform regularly with a jazz-fusion group, 'Doctor Pizza'. We released a studio quality album in 2017 and just released another this past January.
- Proficient in DAWs (Logic Pro, Garage Band, etc) with a vast knowledge of electronic music synthesis and sound manipulation.