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OBJECTIVE: To allow music to enrich lives exemplified by playing and teaching.

SUMMARY: A creative and dynamic music teacher with over seventeen years' experience in developing students' interest in and appreciation of music by building self-confidence and empowering students to obtain their goals.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Extremely proficient in woodwinds. Proficient in piano.
- Remarkable patience and astute understanding of individual learning styles
- Experience and great ability to develop the skills of diverse students with varying needs.
- Deep seeded love for music.
- Creative and innovative approach to curriculum development
- Use of modern technology to teach students of all musical levels.
- Exceptional aptitude to teach students at all levels of musical skills and discern and foster students with high level musical performance skills.
- Deep knowledge of the theory and techniques required to compose, produce, and perform works of music.
- Clear and concise method of introducing musical concepts and ideas.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rhode Island Philharmonic, Providence, RI

2002 - Present

Private Lesson Teacher and Small Group Jazz, Rock and Blues Combo Instructor

- Teach diverse group of students (4th grade –adults) to become proficient in the instrument of choice by teaching theory and practical use of music
- Teach fundamental to advance reading music skills
- Develop course plan and teaching program from a variety of best practices approaches
- Develop a curriculum to teach students of all levels of musical ability
- Help students develop in all areas of music. (reading music, harmonic theory, and ensemble improvisation)
- Teach advanced students to compose using techniques, such as counterpoint and chordal harmony
- Teach arranging of jazz standards, writing harmony, and reharmonization of chords
- Teach group classes of varying musical levels to form performance material with new and old repertoire
- Organize concerts for jazz and rock ensembles, as well as recitals
- Facilitate student improvisation at all ages by accompanying with piano

- Demonstrate vast array of musical styles, including but limited classical, jazz, rock, blues, and pop music
- Provide aural training through the performance of music, talks, discussion, use of audiovisual equipment, practical music and written assignments
- Teach woodwind masterclasses focused on the history of various instruments as well as recorder workshop
- Teach two annual Jazz Rock and Blues summer classes to varying groups of children culminating in an end of the week recital
- Help students achieve competitive goals such as but not limited to RI Allstate band, RI Solo & Ensemble, High School Band seating placement, College auditions, and College scholarship opportunities
- Repair minor instrument wear and tear

More than Music Incorporated, Kingston, RI

2001 - Present

Private Lesson Teacher

- Develop student creativity by allowing students to use the basics of music as a foundation
- Work with all aspects of music including piano and voice
- Teach and develop a curriculum for children 3rd grade and up to adults
- Empower students to be self motivated
- Evoke self-confidence by giving students attainable goals
- Work with children with special needs or disability
- Adapt lesson plans based on individual needs
- Help students achieve competitive goals such as but not limited to RI Allstate band, RI Solo & Ensemble, High School Band seating placement, College auditions, and College scholarship opportunities

Our Lady of Mercy, East Greenwich, RI

2006 - Present

Band Instructor

- Teach students (grades 4 through 8) in all aspects of group play and ensemble
- Foster student understanding of group ensemble playing
- Assist students with tone, dynamics and teamwork
- Organize school events such as but not limited to the annual Christmas Pageant, the annual Christmas concert, the annual Catholic School joint concert, the annual Music in the Parks competition, and the annual Spring Concert
- Work and conduct multiple ensembles including Beginning Band, Junior Band, Senior Band and Jazz Band
- Write, transpose, and transcribe multiple band arrangement for specific iterations of group ensembles

Notable Achievements

- Taught many dedicated students who have moved on to have **highly** successful musical careers. These successes have taken the form of education, composition, therapy and performance
- Had a featured spot and solo in a 2016 movie starring Robert De Niro, Leslie Mann, Danny Devito
- Played in one of the top wedding/party bands in the Northeast
- Led and wrote music for multiple original projects
- Nominated on multiple occasions for Best in Rhode Island (bands)
- Taught an award winning middle school band
- Taught many award winning ensembles for the RI Philharmonic
- Performed and recorded with many top level jazz, rock and blues bands throughout the northeast
- Has performed at most of the top venues in the Northeast

SELECT LIST OF NOTABLE PERFORMANCE VENUES

- Bravo Brassiere, Providence, RI
- Cav, Providence, RI
- Chan's Fine Oriental Dining, Woonsocket, RI
- Foxwoods Resort Casino, Ledyard, CT
- Les Zygomates, Boston, MA
- Metronome, Burlington, VT
- Ryles, Cambridge, MA
- Tazza, Providence, RI
- The Call, Providence, RI
- The Century Lounge, Providence, RI
- The House of Blues, Boston, MA
- The Roxy, Boston, MA
- Twin River Casino, Lincoln, RI
- AS220, Providence, RI
- The Dean Hotel, Providence, RI
- International Place, Boston, MA
- Gustavinos, New York, NY
- St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Block Island, RI
- Captain Nicks, Block Island, RI
- Narragansett Towers, Narragansett, RI
- Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA
- The Biltmore, Providence, RI
- Aspire, Providence, RI
- The Met, Providence, RI
- Fort Adams, Newport, RI
- Quincy Market, Boston, MA
- Da Mikele Illagio, Queens, NY

- Mezzo, Providence, RI
- Brooklyn Coffee and Tea, Providence, RI
- The Parlor, Providence, RI
- Skyline, Providence, RI

EDUCATION

- Chico State University (CSUC) 1997-1999
- Rhode Island College (RIC) 1999-2001/ 2011-2013
- BA music Performance – magna cum laude

REFERENCES

Available upon request