

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.S. (Winter 2007 completion) Wayne State University
Jazz Performance

B.S. Wayne State University, 1999
Major field: Jazz Performance.

Western Michigan University, 1992-94

H.S. Grosse Pointe North High School, 1992

Professional Educational Experience

Adjunct Professor: Wayne County Community College, 2008-present

Adjunct Professor: Bowling Green State University, 2008

Conductor of first Jazz Band

Instructor: Jazz Improvisation, Graduate Jazz Piano

Visiting Assistant Professor: University of Toledo, 2004-07

Music director for legendary jazz vocalist, Jon Hendricks, 2004-07

Primary jazz piano instructor: University of Toledo, 2004-07

Music director of vocal choir, "Vocalstra": University of Toledo, 2004-07

Instructor: Jazz History, Jazz Arranging, Combos, Private Lessons (Graduate and Undergraduate)

Teaching Assistant to Professor Matt Michaels, Wayne State University.

Instructor: Piano Proficiency III, 2003-2004

Instructor: Private lessons, 2003-2004

Detroit Symphony Orchestra: jazz piano instructor for Civic Youth Jazz Orchestra, 2003-2004

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp: faculty, primary jazz piano instructor, 2001-2004

Clinician: Eastern Michigan University jazz program: 2003

Clinician: Toledo Jazz Society: 2001-present

Clinician: Oswego College, New York, 2004

Adjuticator: Waterford jazz festival, 1999, 2001

Private piano, trombone, composition, arranging instructor of 10 (current) students, 10 (waiting list) – present

Professional Performance Experience: jazz festivals, concerts

Montreux-Detroit jazz festival: piano, trombone, composer, arranger, 1994-present

Eastern Michigan University: concert, piano, 2003

Detroit Athletic Club: vocalist Roberta Flack (duo), 2003

Dally in the Alley: piano, composer, arranger, 2002

West Virginia Jazz Festival: piano, 2002

Ferndale Jazz Festival: featured artist, piano, composer, arranger, 2001

Michigan State Fair: vocalist Aretha Franklin, 2001

Michigan Jazz Festival: piano, trombone, 2000-01

Live radio broadcast: piano, composer, arranger, WDET Ed Love show, 2001, 2003

Live TV performance: FOX2 Detroit news studio, piano, 2001

Live radio broadcast: WJR Mitch Albom show, piano, 2001

King Cobra jazz festival: piano, composer, arranger, 2000, 2001

Masonic Temple of Detroit: vocalist Vanessa Williams, 1998

Aquinas College Collegiate jazz festival: piano, trombone, arranger, 1997, 1998

Detroit Festival of the Arts: piano, trombone, 1997

Notre Dame Collegiate jazz festival: trombone, 1993

Western Michigan jazz festival: trombone, piano, composer, arranger, 1992-93

Toledo Jazz Festival, piano, composer, 2005-06

Most frequent and notable professional jazz club and job experience: all jobs in Metro-Detroit unless otherwise stated

Alvin's

Andiamo

Ark, The

Baker's Keyboard Lounge

Bert's Marketplace

Bird of Paradise

Blue Moon Café

Blue Note Café (Pontiac, MI)

Bluebird Inn

Bob, The (Grand Rapids, MI)

Cadieus Cafe

Caucus Club

Circa Saloon
Club 336 Main
De Palmas
Del Rio
Detroit Athletic Club
Detroit Opera House
Edison's
Firefly Club
Fishbones
Fox Theatre
Golden Mushroom
Ja Da
La Dolce Vita
Murphy's (Toledo, OH)
Music Hall
Music Menu Cafe
Orchestra Hall
Ponitac Silverdome
Rusty's Jazz Café (Toledo, OH)
Sparky Herbert's
State Theatre
St. Regis Hotel
Sweet Georgia Brown
Trattoria Andiamo
Whitney, The
Woodruff's

Performance experience with world-renowned artists

Jon Hendricks (music director 2004-07)
Dizzy Gillespie
Jimmy Heath
Billy Hart
Claudio Roditi
Marcus Belgrave
James Carter
Allen Vizzuti
Terry Gibbs
David Liebman
Kenny Burrell
Rodney Whitaker
Steve Turre
Joe Lovano
John Clayton

Condensed sideman-performance experience with regionally premiere artists and bandleaders

Steve Wood
Larry Nozero
Paul Keller
Larry Smith
Johnny Trudell
Donald Walden
Harvey Thompson
Kathy Kosins
Dwight Adams
Everglade Carl
George Benson

Honors and Awards

Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding traditional jazz group (Jazz Orchestra)', 2009 (winner)
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz composer', 2009 (winner)
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz performer', 2009 (nominee)
Joyce Grant: To mentor with bassist John Clayton and perform with him at the Detroit Jazz Festival
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz performer', 2008 (nominee)
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz composer', 2008 (winner)
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Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz composer', 2003 (nominee)
International Association of Jazz Educators: Outstanding Service to Jazz Education, 2003
ASCAP National young composer competition: 2003 (honorable mention)
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz performer', 2002 (nominee)
Detroit Music Awards: 'Outstanding jazz composer', 2002 (winner)
Real Detroit Magazine: Best jazz band, Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra, 2002
Aquinas College: 'Best Composer/Arranger', 1998
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Downbeat Magazine: Downbeat student award, 1995
American Red Cross: Certificate of appreciation, 1992
Semper Fidelis outstanding musician award, 1992

Discography

Western-Michigan Jazz Orchestra: Spritely Overdue, trombone, composer, 1994
Pipeline Ensemble: self-titled, piano, trombone, composer, arranger, 1997
Hamid Dana Jazz Orchestra: Jive at Five, composer, arranger, 2001
Don Ambory: self-titled, piano, 2001
James Hughes: self-titled, piano, 2001
Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra: Basement Vibes, leader, piano, composer, arranger, 2002
Marcus Belgrave and Northstar Jazz Group, piano, 2003

Mike Gabriel Quartet: Green Dolphin Street, piano, 2003
Leo Rea: Rea Deal, piano, arranger, 2004
Meri Slaven: Dream Dancing, producer, piano, 2005
Kathleen Matthews: Ode to my History, producer, piano, 2005
Urban Transport: Live at Kerrytown Concert House, piano, 2006
Scott Gwinnell Trio, self-titled, leader, piano, composer, arranger, 2006
Kelly Godin: For the Love of Jazz, piano, arranger, 2007
2007 Detroit Jazz Festival CD sampler: piano, arranger, composer, 2007
Carl Cafagna and Northstar: Live at the Detroit Jazz Festival, piano, composer, 2008
Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra: Brush Fire, leader, piano, composer, arranger, 2009
Justin Walter: (untitled as of yet), 2010

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