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EDUCATION

QUEENS COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Flushing, New York
M.A. Jazz Studies (Trumpet)

Graduate Coursework

Jazz Composition
Jazz History
Jazz Harmony
Advanced Jazz Improvisation
Advanced Jazz Composition

Jazz Piano
Recording
Jazz Ensemble I, II, III
Jazz Trumpet Study

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Toledo, Ohio
B.M. Jazz Studies (Trumpet)

Awarded Talent-Based and Academic Scholarships

Undergraduate Coursework

Jazz Related Courses
Jazz Pedagogy and Conducting
Jazz Improvisation III
Jazz Trumpet Study
Jazz Arranging

Performance Related Courses
Jazz Vocalese
Lab Band
University Band
Jazz Band
Jazz Combo
Mens Chorus

Related Music Courses
Classical Trumpet Study
Introduction to Counterpoint
Video Editing
Class Piano I, II
Music Theory and Ear
Training I, II
Music History and Literature I,
II

Additional Studies At:

**UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
COLLEGE-CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC**

Cincinnati, Ohio
Pursuit of B.M. in Jazz Studies

Awarded Talent-Based Scholarship

Undergraduate Coursework

Jazz Related Courses

Jazz Improvisation I
Jazz Trumpet Study
Jazz Harmony
Jazz Keyboard Skills
History of Jazz and Popular
Music
Jazz Arranging
Jazz Composition and Analysis
Development of Jazz Styles

Performance Courses

Jazz Lab Band
Jazz Combo
Jazz Ensemble

Related Music Courses

Music History and Literature I,
II
Theory I, II
Musicianship I
Secondary Piano I, II
Physics of Sound and Music
Introduction to Conducting

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Bloomington, Indiana
Pursuit of B.M. in Jazz Studies

Awarded Talent-Based Scholarship

Undergraduate Coursework

Classical Trumpet Study
Jazz Lab Band
Music Theory and Literature I

PRINCIPAL TEACHERS have been William Adam, Michael Philip Mossman, Bernard Sanchez, Pat Harbison, John Rommel, Mark Byerly, Gene Parker, and Brad Goode. Additional studies with David Tippett, Mark VanCleave, Bill Lucas, John Lindeneau and Brad Sharp

ADDITIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDY with Michael Philip Mossman, Jon Hendricks, David Berkman, Arturo O’Farrill, Antonio Hart, Gunnar Mossblad, Mark Byerly, Scott Gwinnell, David Baker, Pat Harbison, Tyrone Wheeler, Philip De Greg, Rick Van Matre, John Von Ohlen, and Marc Fields

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present **ADRIAN COLLEGE**
Adrian, MI
Applied Trumpet Faculty Instructor
- 2015-present **UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**
Toledo, OH
Jazz Trumpet Faculty Instructor
- 2013-present **UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**
SUMMER JAZZ INSTITUTE
Toledo, OH
Faculty Instructor
- 1992-present **PRIVATE LESSON STUDIO**
Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York
Trumpet Instructor
- Private instruction from beginning to professional trumpet, jazz improvisation, beginning piano and Finale notation. The number of students I instructed ranged up to 10 per week from ages 6 to 51. While instructing my students most performed for Solo and Ensemble Competitions receiving outstanding ratings. Some were also accepted into College Music Programs, Youth Symphonies and Jazz Ensembles.
- 2012-2016 **OWENS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Perrysburg, OH
Adjunct Faculty Instructor
- 2007-2010 **THE RIDGEWOOD CONSERVATORY**
Ridgewood, NJ
Trumpet Instructor
- Private instruction to student of all ages taught through this prestigious Ridgewood school.

1993-present

LECTURER/CLINICIAN

Lawrenceville School – Lawrenceville, NJ (2006-2007)
Adjudication of Jazz Band Festival, Brass Clinician and
Jazz Band Lecturer

Napolean High School – Napolean, OH (2004)
Brass Clinician

Colerain High School – Cincinnati, OH (1995)
Trumpet Clinician

Whitmer High School – Toledo, OH (1993-94, 2003)
Trumpet Clinician, Marching Instructor, Jazz Band
Lecturer

1992-1994

SECTION LEADER / MARCHING COORDINATOR

Whitmer High School – Toledo, OH, taught advanced
marching and playing techniques to the marching band.
Coordinated drills and musical show material to an entirety.

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

1985-present

FREELANCE BRASS ARTIST - performance of Bb and
C trumpet, flugelhorn, soprano bugle, and piccolo trumpet
of all styles with notable artists including; Aretha Franklin,
Four Tops, Bobby Vinton, Bobby Rydel, Henry Cuesta and
the Lawrence Welk All Stars, David Liebman, Ed Palermo,
Harlem Renaissance Orchestra, Jamey Haddad, Vic Juris,
Jon Hendricks, Stan Rubin Orchestra, Blue Wisp Big Band,
Patrick Hession, and the Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra

2015-present

GMAC & THE SOUL ATTACK

Toledo based Soul and R&B band that was formerly “The
Homewreckers”. Live performances at the Hollywood
Casino, Schedel Gardens, Hensville, Fleetwoods, The Big
Bang and other private functions

2012-present

RAISIN RIVER CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Performances of Broadway shows; Spamalot, White
Christmas and Jesus Christ Superstar

- 2007-present **HARLEM RENAISSANCE ORCHESTRA** - performances at the famed Swing 46 club in New York City
- 2006-present **JUMPERS SWING ORCHESTRA** – performed at outdoor festivals in Long Island, NY, Millville, NJ, and Springettsbury, PA
- 2006-2007 **QUEENS COLLEGE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK** - participated in the Jazz Ensemble that performed yearly at the CUNY Jazz Festival and gave concerts and recitals throughout the year
- 2006 **SCOTT GWINNEL JAZZ ORCHESTRA** – performed at Cliff Bell’s in Detroit, Michigan
- 2006 **BIG APPLE CIRCUS** - performed trumpet and doubles in the pit for this famous east coast circus
- 2006 **ARTURO O’FARRILL AND THE CHICO O’FARRILL BIG BAND** – performed at New York City’s famous Birdland Jazz Club
- 2006 **DAVID AARON ORCHESTRA** – performances at private functions in New Jersey
- 2005-present **JASON METCALF QUINTET** – performed jazz for Mayor, Michael Bloomberg at Gracie Mansion, NY, the Jewish Gala Concert in Long Island, NY and other private functions within the New York City area
- 2005-2006 **R2B TRIO** – led this organ trio that performed an evening concert and judged the Lawrenceville School Jazz Festival, performances throughout NY, NJ and recorded demo promotion compact disc, R2B Trio
- 2005-2006 **GROOVE ENTERTAINMENT** – performances at private functions throughout New Jersey
- 2005-2006 **VALI MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT** – performances at private functions throughout New York and New Jersey
- 2004-2005 **MONROE COUNTY JAZZ ORCHESTRA** – performed at the 2005 Monroe, MI. Jazz Festival, various University

of Michigan functions and private weddings within the Michigan City area

- 2004-2005 **THE MURPHY'S TRIO**– performances with Jazz greats Clifford Murphy and Claude Black at Toledo, Ohio's famous jazz club, Murphy's Place and the yearly Old West End Festival in downtown Toledo
- 2004 **OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY** – played 1st Trumpet in the theater production of Sound of Music
- 2004 **LOURDES COLLEGE** – played 1st Trumpet in the theater production of Copacabana
- 2003-2007 **TOM TURNER AND SLOWBURN** – rhythm and blues band that performed throughout Ohio and Michigan, Finalist in Toledo, Ohio's Black Swamp Blues Festival two years in a row
- 2003-2005 **RUSTY'S BIG BAND** – played weekly at Toledo, Ohio's famous Rusty's Jazz Café along with private engagements in the surrounding areas
- 2003-2005 **THE RUNYAN JAY BIG BAND** – private engagements including weddings, shows, and the 2004 and 2005 New Years Eve parties at Catawba Island, Ohio
- 2001-present **GFORCE I-II / JOE GRILLO ENTERTAINMENT** – performances at private functions throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania
- 2001-present **DAYBREAK ORCHESTRA / ELEGANT ENSEMBLE ENTERTAINMENT** – performances at private functions throughout the New York City, New Jersey area
- 2001-present **STAN RUBIN ORCHESTRA** – performances at Carnegie Club, Irving Plaza, The Campbell Apartments in Grand Central Station, Charley-O's and other private engagements around the New York City vicinity
- 2000 **BUSSELI – WALLARAB JAZZ ORCHESTRA** – performed at the famous jazz club, the Jazz Kitchen in Indianapolis, IN

- 2000 **INTERNATIONAL TRUMPET GUILD** – performed in the finals in Richmond, VA for the International Trumpet Guild’s Jazz Competition
- 1999-2001 **ORQUESTA SON** – performed salsa in Indiana and recorded the compact disc, Si Quiero Correr on an Independent Label
- 1999-2001 **STARDUSTERS MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT** – performed various tribute concerts and private functions including ballroom dancing and wedding receptions within nine to twenty-one piece ensembles
- 1999-2000 **KELLY JAY ORCHESTRA** – performed with this jump swing orchestra rooted in Indianapolis, IN that played for many corporate and private functions throughout Indiana, Ohio and Illinois including the opening of the 1999 Indianapolis 500 race
- 1999 **INTERNATIONAL TRUMPET GUILD** – performed in the finals in Purchase, NY for the International Trumpet Guild’s Jazz Competition
- 1998-2001 **JACK MORGAN AND THE RUSS MORGAN ORCHESTRA** – performed concerts and dances from New Orleans to Indiana including two tours on the American Queen Steamboat
- 1998-1999 **INDIANA UNIVERSITY** - participated in the Jazz Lab Band, performed recitals and concerts throughout the year
- 1997-1999 **PARAMOUNT KING’S ISLAND** – performed with the famous park strolling dixieland-jazz band entertaining guests throughout the park
- 1997-1998 **ADAM’S ABOMINABLE BIG BAND** – performances bi-weekly at Cincinnati, Ohio’s famed Blue Wisp Jazz Club
- 1996 **TOLEDO JAZZ ORCHESTRA** – performed at the Toledo, Ohio Jazz Festival
- 1995-1998 **E-FUNK** – funk band led by Leroy Ellington that played private parties and clubs throughout the greater Cincinnati area

- 1994-present **BEN WOLKINS TRIO, QUARTET, QUINTET, NONET** – performed weekly in Toledo, Cincinnati, Indiana and New York City at popular establishments such as the Mecklenburg Gardens, Montgomery Inn, the Firehouse, Toledo Museum of Art, Comollo’s Bar and Grill, Rustico Risorante, and Manhattan’s Restaurant
- 1994-present **BRASS QUARTET** – performing every Easter and Christmas with this home based classical brass group at Christ the King Church in Toledo, Ohio
- 1994-1998 **GASLIGHT JAZZ QUARTET** – chordless quartet that performed extensively throughout the Greater Cincinnati area
- 1994-1997 **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE-CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC** - participated as a member of the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Combo, performed on various jazz and composition recitals, recorded the compact disc, LadyBird on Sea Breeze records
- 1994 **GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA** – performed trumpet on a portion of the 1994 tour with concerts and dances held nightly throughout the United States and a cruise on the Holland America Westerdam Ship throughout the Carribean
- 1993-1994
2004-2005 **UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO** – participated in the Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Vocalese, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Lab Band, Jazz Combo and Brass Quintet, performed recitals and concerts for all groups, recorded the recruitment compact disc for the Jazz Department featuring David Liebman and our big band, also the top jazz combo
- 1991-1992 **GLASSMEN DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS** – played 2nd Soprano and toured for 2 summers performing in stadiums from Texas to New York, recorded on the compact discs, DCI live in Dallas, TX and DCI live in Madison, WI on PBS Records

RECORDINGS

AUDIO

Simple Life – Ron Nisch
100 Million Bright – Where You Begin and I Divide
Waiting for Dawn – The Estar Cohen Project
Toledo Troopers Movie Trailer
All I Need Is You Tonight - Melvin “Lyric” Steals
Happiness – Sarah D’Angelo and the Paul Keller Orchestra
Plays Kenton (Live at Music Hall) – Ron Kischuk and the
Masters of Music Big Band Featuring Peter Erskine
Red, White and You – NW Ohio Artists Unite to Benefit
the American Red Cross
Patience - Paragon
Si Quiero Correr – Orquesta Son
LadyBird – University of Cincinnati (CCM)
DCI Championships 1991 – Glassmen
DCI Championships 1992 – Glassmen

VIDEO

DCI Championships 1991 – Glassmen
DCI Championships 1992 – Glassmen
Daybreak Orchestra 2006 – Elegant Ensembles Production
Jumpers Swing Orchestra 2007 – Miracle-Concerts
Production