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Education

Rutgers University; Doctor of Musical Arts, Percussion Performance	Expected 2023
❖ Thesis - "The Dynamic Use of the Drumset Within the Musical Theatre Canon: A Study of Key Song within Key Musicals from 1920s - Present"	
Michigan State University; Masters of Music, Percussion Performance	2020
Michigan State University; Certificate in Music Career Development	2020
Central Michigan University; Bachelor of Music Education	2018

Teaching and Administrative Experience

Rutgers University	2020 - present
❖ Part-Time Lecturer, Percussion Techniques	
➤ Instruct music education students on basic percussion techniques and how to teach secondary and elementary-aged students from diverse backgrounds such techniques with varying access to resources	
➤ Supervise and instruct undergraduate percussion major students in pedagogical strategies	
➤ Participate in job search committees	
❖ Percussion Departmental Assistant	
➤ Facilitate and coordinate rehearsals	
➤ Manage department schedule of twenty members	
➤ Direct sectionals	
❖ Marching Scarlet Knights Drumline Technician	
➤ Teach marching and percussion techniques, 7+ hours per week	
➤ Coach performances and provide instructional support at football games and competitions	
➤ Teach music reading and notation	
❖ Pep Band Assistant Director	
➤ Substitute and assistant conductor	
➤ Coordinate setlist with the athletic entertainment team	
➤ Drumset and percussion mentor	

- ❖ Secondary Major Lesson Instructor
 - Design and implement curriculum on a weekly basis
 - Create reports and lesson plans

Private Music Instructor 2013 - present

- ❖ Freelance lesson teacher for percussion, drumset, piano, and trumpet

United States Army, 395th Army Reserve Band 2019 - present

- ❖ Unit Public Affairs Representative
 - Create an online vision and spread print media communication materials
 - Create storyboards and reports
- ❖ Small Group Administrative Leader
 - Organize travel
 - Responsible for the wellness and readiness of junior members
 - Oversee and assist with administrative tasks such as job performance reports, pay and benefits issues, and communicating instructions

Vienna Summer Music Festival 2021 - 2022

- ❖ Percussion Coordinator
 - Communicate with experts in the field
 - Create public awareness

Michigan State University 2018 - 2020

- ❖ Graduate Assistant
 - Coordinate with guest artists and applicable logistics, including lodging, equipment, and payroll
 - Organized, moved, and repaired instruments
- ❖ Drumline Technician
- ❖ Private Major Lesson Instructor
 - Created and implemented curriculum, acting as a private instructor, teaching two to three undergraduates one-hour weekly lessons

Marble Elementary School 2019

- ❖ Teaching Artist Resident
 - Created engaging curriculum for seven second grades classes that coincided with state standards
 - Corresponded with host teachers and academic advisors

Cousino High School 2018

- ❖ Private Lesson Teacher
- ❖ Drumline Instructor
- ❖ Music Writer and Arranger

Performance Experience

New York Giants “G-Line” Drumline 2022 - present

- ❖ Performs at all New York Giants Football home games
- ❖ Additional performances in New York City metropolitan area

Eastern Wind Symphony 2021 - present

- ❖ Percussion section member

395th Army Band 2019 - present

- ❖ Concert band percussion section leader
- ❖ Ceremonial and marching band snare drummer
- ❖ Drumset player in rock, brass, pop, jazz, and commercial bands
- ❖ Assistant conductor
- ❖ Assistant bugler

Garden State Symphonic Band 2022

- ❖ Section Percussionist

Broadway “Mad Hatter” New York City Premiere 2021

- ❖ Arranged and composed percussion book
- ❖ Performed for the musical’s New York City premiere

Robinhood Foundation Gala 2021

- ❖ Entertainment drummer for the annual Robinhood Foundation Gala

Creede Repertory Theater 2019

- ❖ Drumset player for:
 - *Little Shop of Horrors*
 - *Peter and the Starcatcher*

338th Army Band 2015 - 2019

- ❖ Concert band percussionist
- ❖ Snare drummer and cymbal player in the parade band
- ❖ Drumset player in rock and fusion bands

- ❖ Assistant ceremonial bugler

Rutgers University Symphonic Winds Soloist 2022

- ❖ Drumset Soloist - Jeff Tyzik's *Riffs* Drumset Concerto

East Shore Wind Symphony 2014 - 2018

- ❖ Section percussionist

Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra 2018

- ❖ Timpanist

Livingston Symphony Orchestra 2018

- ❖ Section percussionist

Saginaw Eddy Band 2015

- ❖ Section percussionist

Recordings

Disney+ Movie - Chang Can Dunk Soundtrack 2023

150th Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band CD 2021

Creede Repertory Theatre Young Audience Outreach Tour Soundtrack 2019

Allegories for King Mangoberry: Music of Ricardo Lorenz CD 2018

- ❖ Latin Grammy Nominated (2020)
- ❖ World Premiere for Wind Ensemble

Awards

United State Army Leadership Course - Advanced Leaders Course 2022

- ❖ Distinguished Honor Graduate, equivalent to Valedictorian

Colonel Finley R. Hamilton - Outstanding Military Musician 2020

- ❖ United States Army Reserve, 395th Army Band

New York University Internation Percussion Competition 2018

- ❖ First Place, Drumset

References

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