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Education

Rutgers University; Doctor of Musical Arts, Percussion Performance 2023

- ❖ Thesis - "The Dynamic Use of the Drumset Within the Musical Theatre Canon: A Study of Key Songs 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

Endorsed By

Dragonfly Percussion

Teaching and Administrative Experience

Immaculata High School

- ❖ Private lessons teacher
- ❖ Percussion Ensemble instructor

J. P. Stevens

- ❖ Indoor Percussion instructor

Rutgers University 2020 - 2023

- ❖ Part-Time Lecturer, Percussion Techniques and Percussion Methods Courses
 - Instructed music education students on basic percussion techniques and how to teach them to secondary and elementary-aged students from diverse backgrounds with varying access to resources
 - Supervised and instructed undergraduate percussion major students in pedagogical strategies
 - Participated in the job search committee for the next Director of Music at Mason Gross School of the Arts
- ❖ Percussion Departmental Assistant
 - Facilitated and coordinated rehearsals
 - Directed undergraduate sectionals

- Managed department schedule of twenty students and four faculty members
- Created and communicated COVID-19 protocols for the department
- ❖ Marching Scarlet Knights Drumline Technician
 - Taught marching and percussion techniques, 7+ hours per week
 - Taught music reading and notation
 - Coached performances and provided instructional support at football games and competitions
- ❖ Pep Band Assistant Director
 - Substitute and assistant conductor
 - Coordinated setlist with the athletic entertainment team
 - Drumset and percussion mentor
- ❖ Secondary Major Lesson Instructor
 - Designed and implemented curriculum weekly for undergraduate students
 - Created reports and lesson plans

Private Music Instructor

2013 - present

- ❖ Freelance lesson teacher for percussion, drumset, piano, and trumpet
- ❖ Help prepare students for the rigor of collegiate-level music programs

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
 - Assist Recruiting efforts
- ❖ Small Group Administrative Leader
 - Organize travel
 - Responsible for the wellness, readiness, and professional conduct of junior Soldier-Musicians
 - 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
 - Communicated with experts in the field throughout the United States and Europe
 - Created public awareness across multiple social media platforms

- Michigan State University* 2018 - 2020
- ❖ Private Major Lesson Instructor
 - Created and implemented curriculum, acting as a private instructor, teaching two to three undergraduates one-hour weekly lessons
 - ❖ Graduate Assistant
 - Coordinated with guest artists and applicable logistics, including lodging, equipment, and payroll
 - Organized, moved, and repaired instruments
 - ❖ Drumline Technician for Michigan State University Drumline

- Marble Elementary School* 2019
- ❖ Teaching Artist Resident
 - Created an 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

Select Commercial Experience

- “Irving Berlin’s White Christmas” at the Paper Mill Playhouse* Winter 2024
- ❖ Percussionist

- Barbie, Live in Concert at the Hollywood Bowl* Summer 2024
- ❖ Lead Percussionist

- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* 2023
- The Broadway Sinfonietta - *Live in Concert*, National Tour
- ❖ Lead Percussionist
 - ❖ Performed in over 60 cities in the continental United States

- Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* 2023
- The Broadway Sinfonietta - *Live in Concert*, Premiere
- ❖ Lead Percussionist
 - ❖ Oscar “For Your Consideration” Event at The Academy of Motion Pictures

- New York Giants “G-Line” Drumline* 2022 - present
- ❖ Perform at all New York Giants Football home games

- Perform interactive show for spectators during pre-game “lots”
- Perform set for pre-game, half-time, post-game, and media time-out
- ❖ Private events and public performances in the New York City metropolitan area
 - “Girls Gotta Eat” live podcast events and recording

Disney’s Chang Can Dunk 2022

- ❖ Featured drummer in recorded soundtrack

Broadway Mad Hatter 2021

- ❖ Composed and arranged percussion book
- ❖ Performed for 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*

Allegories for King Mangoberry: Music of Ricardo Lorenz 2018

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

Select Ensemble Experience

78th Army Band 2024 - Present

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

Eastern Wind Symphony 2021 - 2022

- ❖ Percussion section member
- ❖ Premiered new works for wind ensemble at the annual Midwest clinic for music educators

395th Army Band 2019 - 2024

- ❖ Concert band percussion section leader

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

Rutgers University Symphonic Winds Soloist 2022
 ❖ Drumset Soloist - Jeff Tyzik's *Riffs* Drumset Concerto

Garden State Symphonic Band 2022
 ❖ Section Percussionist

338th Army Band 2015 - 2019
 ❖ Concert band percussionist
 ❖ Snare drummer and cymbal player in parade band
 ❖ Drumset player in rock and fusion bands
 ❖ Assistant ceremonial bugler

East Shore Wind Symphony 2014 - 2018
 ❖ Section percussionist

Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra 2018
 ❖ Timpanist

Community Engagement

United States Army Reserve Bands 2015 - present
 ❖ Perform in and help coordinate year-round free public concert series, along with regular performances at veterans' nursing and retirement homes

New York Presbyterian Hospitals 2023
 ❖ Performed at various hospitals for "Healthcare Workers Appreciation" events

Wind Ensemble Masterclass Series at Rutgers University 2021 - 2023
 ❖ Mentored high school percussion students in a large ensemble setting for approximately three hours in each class

Creede Repertory Theatre Young Audience Outreach Tour 2019
 ❖ Recorded soundtrack for Outreach Tour team to use in conjunction with their live performance for tens of thousands of elementary and middle

school-aged children

United States Army Reserve Honor Guard 2018
❖ Provided live musical support to more than 50 service members as part of funeral honor services

Awards

United States 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 International Percussion Competition 2018
❖ First Place, Drumset