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Professional Profile

Passionate about teaching and bringing musical wisdom to students of all ages and inspiring them to reach their creative potential.

- Bring 25 years of musical teaching and performing experience into the classroom setting
- Hold a masters degree in music education
- Educational emphasis is in jazz pedagogy, music theory and computer science

Education, Honors, and Certifications**Master of Music Education**

University of North Texas, Denton, TX. 1983

Bachelor of Music Education

University of Minnesota Moorhead, Moorhead, MN. 1980

Graduated Cumma Sum Laude

Certifications

TX State Educator Certificate Secondary Music grades 6 – 12. 1992-life

Key Qualifications

Certified in secondary music, grades 6-12

Qualified to teach advanced placement music theory since 1995.

Twenty-four years experience teaching music theory, jazz improvisation, piano/keyboard, music history and music synthesis

Experienced in Digital Performer and Finale music software programs

Honors

Presidential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education. 2001

Who's Who Among America's Teachers. 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006

University of Minnesota Moorehead Distinguished Alumni Award, 2004

Recognized by the College Board for having the most successful AP Music Theory program of any school with student size between 500 and 1,000 students (2005 College Board report)

Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society Member

Professional Development

International Baccalaureate four-day seminar, Lake Tahoe, CA, June 2010

College Board Five-day seminar, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX., July 2008

College Board Five-day seminar, Taos, NM, June 2000, 2001

College Board Two-day seminar, Dallas, TX, January 2000

Employment

Woodrow Wilson High School, Dallas, TX

- **Choir Director (concert & show choirs) and Advanced Placement Music Theory Instructor**, August 2009 to present

Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Dallas, TX

- **Music Cluster Coordinator**, September 2004 to June 2009
- **Instructor of Music**, September 1984 to June 2009
- **Creator and director of award winning BTW Midi Ensemble**, a vocal and instrumental performing group with an emphasis on original composition and utilization of music technology. The Midi Ensemble won Downbeat Magazine's student music award eleven times since 1995 and was selected to perform at the International Association of Jazz Educators convention 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006. The Midi Ensemble is the only high school group ever to be selected to perform on the main stage evening concert at IAJE (2004).

Eastfield Community College, Mesquite, TX

Adjunct Jazz Piano Instructor, August 2010-present

Collin County Community College, Plano, TX

- **Adjunct Jazz Piano Instructor**, September 1994 – present

Cathedral of Light Church, Carrollton, TX

- **Director of Music**, December 1991 – present

College Board Presenter

- AP Music Theory seminar, Dallas, TX. 2001, 2004
- AP Music Theory seminar, San Antonio, TX. 2007

Summer Jazz Camps Performer/Instructor

- **Collin County Community College**, 1999 to present
Plano, TX
- **University of Texas at Arlington**, 2003 & 2004
Arlington, TX
- **Grapevine Middle School**, 2004 to 2006
Grapevine, TX
- **Lonestar International Jazz Exchange**, 1994 to 2006
DFW Metroplex and Ibbenburen, Germany

Professional Musician

- Pianist/ keyboardist, 1983 to present
- Performed in concert with Randy Brecker, Peter Erskine, Kevin Mahogany, Bob Mintzer, Clarke Terry and other jazz notables
- Recording artist and producer

Professional Affiliations

American Federation of Musicians

Texas Music Educators Association

