

Brandon Kelley

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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts (in progress)

- University of North Texas – 4.0 *GPA* (Denton, TX)

Master of Music, Music Education (2006)

- Ithaca College - 3.8 *GPA* (Ithaca, NY)

Bachelor of Science, Music Education K-12 (2001)

- Roberts Wesleyan College - Cum Laude (Rochester, NY)

Professional Qualifications

- New York State of Education Department Permanent Teaching Certificate: K-12 Music

Teaching Experience

Saxophone Instructor - 2018-2019

Richland College (Richardson, TX)

- Instruct and inspire saxophone students

Saxophone Instructor - 2018-2019

Parkhill Junior High School (Richardson, TX)

- Provide and recommend appropriate music for festivals and competitions
- Teach saxophone techniques most beneficial for each individual

Music Teacher - 2016-2017

Rochester City School District (Rochester, NY)

- Formed a new 7th and 8th grade band program from a roster where students had been randomly scheduled regardless of band experience or interest.
- Worked with Middle School Counselor to adjust student schedules to accurately reflect their interests and experience.
- Recruited new band students during lunch periods and in the hallways.
- Formulated audition protocol for drumset players.
- Hosted instrument tryout sessions for all new players.
- Held two full evening public concerts which had not been possible in previous years.
- Invited special guest Lu Bonilla to play solo trumpet with the band during spring concert.
- Hosted Sean Jefferson (drums) and his band T-REX for a collaborative session with our band.
- Taught 8th grade general music and formulated original lessons for every class.

English as a Second Language Instructor - Summer 2016

Rochester City School District (Rochester, NY)

- Facilitated a classroom of adults, all with different english-speaking ability levels.
- Compiled learning materials for different ability levels that would culminate with group activities centered around the same fundamental topics.
- Created lessons that best met the needs of students from various ethnic backgrounds: Syria, Puerto Rico, Ukraine, Bhutan, Thailand, Ethiopia, Sudan, etc.....

Substitute Teacher/Proctor - Spring 2016

Churchville-Chili Central School District (Churchville, NY)

- Teacher: Math, English, Social Studies, Choir, Music Theory, Guitar
- Proctor: local and baccalaureate final exams.

Music Teacher - 2008-2014

Wheatland-Chili Central School District (Scottsville, NY)

- K-5 General Music, 7th grade general music, 6/7 Chorus, 4/5 Chorus (2013-2014)
- High School Chorus, Middle School Chorus and Vocal Lessons (.6) (2012-2013)
- 5th Grade Elementary Beginning Band and Lessons (.5) (2008-2012)
- Compiled band book containing the best band music for their age and level
- Created a step-by-step beginning instrument supplement for beginners
- Tracked student progress in comparison to teaching methods as a tool for assessing and planning pedagogical adjustments for the following year.

Jazz Band Director – 2010-2012

Churchville-Chili Central School District (Churchville, NY)

- Directed 5/6 Middle School Jazz Band and 7/8 JH Jazz Band
- Created challenging programs that highlighted areas of strength
- Created middle school and junior high jazz ensemble warm up exercises
- Conducted jazz improvisation instruction culminating in each student improvising at the concert.
- We developed a reputation of excellence among parents and administration to the extent that the junior high band director asked me not to have my jazz ensemble perform at the concert because it was “her time to shine”. She instead requested that I perform with my band out in the hallway before the concert.

Instrumental Lesson Teacher - 2001-2012

Parkminster Music School (Chili, NY)

- Taught private acoustic and electric guitar lessons
- Taught private saxophone and clarinet lessons
- Prepared students for the bi-annual recitals at the end of each semester

Substitute Teacher - 2007-2011

Churchville-Chili and Wheatland-Chili Central School Districts

Band Director/Music Teacher - 2004-2006

The Charles Finney School (Penfield, NY)

- Directed HS Orchestra, Jazz Band, 4/5 & MS Bands, Lessons, HS Music Theory
- Established a band library, Led 1st/2nd Annual Music Fundraiser, Directed Pit Band

Band Director – 2002-2004

Pembroke Central School District (Pembroke, NY)

- Directed Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pit Band, Bible Club and 7th grade general

Performance

Saxophone Guest Soloist

- 12/2017 Pearce Memorial Church: Tenor and Alto Saxophones
- 02/2017 Pearce Memorial Church: Tenor Saxophone
- 05/2017 Pearce Memorial Church: Tenor and Alto Saxophones
- 05/2012 Parkminster Music School Recital Series: Guest Artist (Alto Saxophone):
- 05/2010 The Fathers House: Easter
- 2008-2009 The Fathers House 4-5 appearances

Jazz Ensembles & Orchestra

- 12/2017 Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra: (Christmas Pops Concert)
- 2012-2017 Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra 1st call sub: 30+ shows (Lead chairs)
- 06/2011 Jazz Contingent at the Rochester International Jazz Festival
- 05/2011 Russell Scarbrough Jazz Orchestra: 2nd Tenor
- 05/2010 East Irondequoit School Guest Jazz Orchestra with Tom Politzer (Alto Saxophone)
- 06/2007 Rochester Music Educators Jazz Ensemble (RIJF)
- 06/2006 Rochester Music Educators Jazz Ensemble (RIJF) (Lead Alto Saxophone/Clarinet)

Party Bands

- 12/2017 Emerald City Band: Dallas, TX (Renaissance Hotel)
- 2008-2017 Nik Entertainment: 200+ shows (tenor saxophone) (2008-2017)
- 2011-2017 Franks Rat Pack: 80+ shows (alto sax, tenor sax, clarinet, flute)
- 2014-2017 Up2Something party band: 1st call substitute for Bill Tiberio

Church Music Directing (paid)

- 09/2018 Guest Worship Leader: Dallas Bible Church
- 11/2017 Guest Worship Leader: Faithbridge Presbyterian Church (Frisco, TX)
- 2016-2017 Worship Leader/Guitar: Church Radiant (PT)
- 01/2017 Guest Worship Leader: FreeChurch.net
- 2009-2017 Guest Worship Leader: Annual Grace Covenant Conference

2015-2016 Worship Leader/Guitar: Risen Christ Lutheran Church (PT)
 11/2016 Guest Worship Leader: FreeChurch.net
 04/2012 Guest Worship Leader: Lakeshore Community Church
 02/2012 Guest Worship Leader: Lakeshore Community Church
 12/2011 Guest Worship Leader: Lakeshore Community Church
 2006 Child Evangelism Fellowship Leaders Conference

Cruise Ship Performer (Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet)

2012 Holland America Cruise Line: Mediterranean
 2011 Holland America Cruise Line: Alaska
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 2008 Cunard Cruise Line: Northern Europe, France and Italy
 2007 Holland America Cruise Line: Noordam in the Caribbean

School and Community Musicals

(Alto & Tenor saxophones, Clarinet or Flute unless conducted)

- Bye, Bye Birdie (Conductor)
- Annie Get Your Gun (Conductor)
- HONK! (Conductor)
- 1776
- Annie (2x)
- Guy and Dolls (3x)
- 42nd Street
- Seussical the Musical
- Once on this Island
- Oklahoma!
- School House Rocks
- The Science Fair

Volunteer Church Music/Worship Leader

05/2007 Piloted and conducted orchestra at Open Door Baptist Church
 12/2002 Background vocalist for Steve Green and Larnelle Harris
 2002 Greece Assembly of God Youth Retreat
 1998-2002 Worship Leader and Co-Creator of *SHINE!* (collaborative city-wide monthly event)
 1998-2002 Worship Leader for Annual Flower City Work Camp (Habitat for Humanity)
 2001 Greece Assembly of God Youth Retreat
 2000 First Assembly of God Evening of Worship (Niagara Falls, NY)
 2000 Bethel Christian Fellowship Youth Retreat
 2000 New Testament Christian Church Evening of Worship
 2000 Pittsford Community Church Teen Christian Bible Study Outreach
 2000 Pearce Memorial Free Methodist Church Youth Retreat

2000 1st Priority Youth Rally at Bethesda Full Gospel (Buffalo, NY)
1999 Greece Assembly of God Youth Retreat
1999 Pearce Memorial Free Methodist Church Youth Retreat
1996-2000 Worship Leader for Pittsford Community Church Youth Group

Activities - Skills - Awards

Professional Activities

2010 Gospel Music Association Conference: Nashville
2006 Ithaca College Wind Conducting Symposium (Richard Clary)
2005 Ithaca College Saxophone Workshop (Steven Mauk & Chris Vadala)
2003 Ithaca College Wind Conducting Symposium (Michael Haithcock)
2003 International Association of Jazz Educators Conference: Toronto
2002 Eastman School of Music Jazz Teachers Workshop (Fred Sturm)

Computer Skills

- Sibelius
- Logic Pro
- Photoscore Ultimate
- Transcribe by Seventh String Software
- Noteflight
- Google Platform
- Microsoft, Presenter

Awards

- 2001 - Music Scholarship award and Honors Scholarship (Roberts Wesleyan College)
- 2002 - Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges