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Education

Class of 2008 Ithaca College Ithaca, NY
Major: Music Composition
Instrumental Emphasis: Keyboard
GPA: 3.83

Class of 2004 North Country Union High School Newport, VT
GPA: 3.9 / Class Rank: 11 / 270

Private Music Study

Piano instruction	Dr. Deborah Martin	2004 – 2006
Composition	Dr. Sally Lamb	2006 – 2007
Composition	Dr. Dana Wilson	2004 – Present
Piano/Organ instruction	Mark Violette	1995 – 2004
Drum instruction	Brad Stouffer	2003 - 2004

Professional Experience

2004 – Present Soloist/ Accompanist/ Ensemble Ithaca, NY

Pianist – Jazz, Classical, Popular

Play piano for restaurants, recitals, and miscellaneous events as a soloist and in a jazz combo; Accompany vocalists and instrumentalists; Play in rhythm sections for ensembles. (Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Big Band)

2004 – Present Various Theatre Companies (see *Theatre Experience*)

Music Director / Conductor

Responsibilities involved: teaching songs to cast (children and adults), rehearsing and conducting the pit, and performing on piano/keyboards

2004 – Present Teaching Internship Program Ithaca, NY

Piano Instructor

Prepare and teach weekly lesson plans to children ages 7-12.

2002 – Present VT MIDI/ARTT Summer Institute Castleton, VT

Composition / MIDI Instructor

Prepare and teach classes on using *Sibelius* notation software to music teachers attending professional development workshops.

2005 – Present VT MIDI Project (webpage) www.vtmidi.org

Composition Mentor

Critique and mentor students (K-12) whose new and revised compositions are posted on the VT MIDI website.

June-July, 2007 Signature Music Teen Camp Ithaca, NY

Piano Lab and Jazz Instructor

Responsibilities include teaching two piano labs, coaching jazz combos, teaching music and jazz theory, and accompanying recitals and concerts.

Theatre Experience

Show	Position	Year	Company
Aida	Keyboard I	2007	Binghamton Children's Theatre
Great American Trailer Park	Drum set	2007	Cortland Repertory Theatre
Almost Heaven	Drum set	2007	“ “ “
The Last Five Years	Pianist/Conductor	2006	Stump Bite Productions
Fiddler on the Roof	Music Director/ Pianist/Conductor	2006	VT Children's Theatre
Godspell Jr.	“ “ “	2006	“ “ “
Once Upon a Mattress	“ “ “	2005	“ “ “
Cinderella	“ “ “	2005	“ “ “
The Pirates of Penzance	“ “ “	2004	“ “ “
Peter Pan	“ “ “	2004	“ “ “
Little Shop of Horrors	Keyboard II	2005	QNEK Productions
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum	“	2004	“ “
Forever Plaid	Music Director/ Pianist	2003	“ “
Into the Woods	Keyboard II	2002	“ “
Batboy: The Musical	Keyboard I/ Conductor	2005	The Melodramatics
Chorus Line	Keyboard II	2005	Triple Threat Theatre
Footloose	Keyboard II	2002	Twilight Players

Church Experience**Organist/ Pianist / Choir Director**

Organ responsibility: Weekly preparation of prelude, offertory, postlude, hymns, and praise music

Choir Director Responsibility: Selection and rehearsal of an appropriate anthem for weekly choir performances in the service

2005 – Present	Groton United Church of Christ	Groton, NY
2002 – 2004	Glover Community Church	Glover, VT
2001 – 2002	Church of the Nazarene	Newport, VT
2000 – 2002	Christian Science Society	Newport, VT
1997 – 2004	Holland Methodist Church	Holland, VT

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer music services and piano accompanist (nursing homes, choirs, variety shows, weddings, funerals, ceremonies)

Annual benefit concert for American Cancer Society 'Relay for Life' (fundraising and participation 2002 – Present)

Awards Received

2005-6 Jack Downey Composition Prize

Student Composition Performance: VT MIDI Project: Opus 1- 9 (1997 – 2004)

All New England Concert Band (2004)

Vermont All-State Chorus (2004)

Vermont All-State Concert Band (2003)

Vermont All-State Composition Award 2nd place scholarship (2002)

References

Contacts and letters are available upon request.