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EDUCATION

Youngstown State University – Youngstown, OH
Master of Music August 2018
Major: **Piano Performance**
Major GPA: **3.36/4.0**

Youngstown State University – Youngstown, OH
Bachelor of Music May 2016
Major: **Piano Performance**
Major GPA: **3.6/4.0**

RELATED MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Music Director July 15, 2018 – Dec 2019
Niles United Methodist Church – Niles, OH

- Organist/Pianist/Cantor for each service; selection of music for each month.
- Choir Director and accompanist
- Bell Choir Director
- Has coordinated two Community Concerts so far to benefit church and showcase local talent.

Pianist/Organist July 7, 2018 – Dec 2019
St. Anselm Catholic Church – Chesterland, OH

- Plays Organ and Piano for Saturday Masses, Weddings, and Funerals.
- Coordinates with David Fuller, Music Director/Cantor and Karen McColl, Full Time Organist/Pianist.
- Accompanies the cantor regarding special music or coordinates ensemble work for weddings.
- Plays for special masses during Lent and Advent when main pianist/organist is not available.

Keyboard Class Instructor Sept 2018 – Present
SMARTS Music Program – Youngstown, OH

- Teaches 3 Keyboard Classes on Tuesdays.
- Sends in weekly lesson plans for each course.
- Instructs pupil's ages ranging from 7 to 18 years old, each class holds up to 8 kids.
- Has participated in performance activities for community reach out for the Smarts Program.
- Participated in an 8 hour Professional Development Artist-as-Educators Seminar on March 12, 2019.

Music Director June 2017 – July 8, 2018
Good Hope Lutheran Church – North Lima, OH

- Selects music for each month, including Christmas and Lent special services.
- Directs congregation in song, played the piano and cantors for each service.
- Accompanied on piano for guest artists regarding special events.
- Played piano for weddings and funerals that are celebrated at Good Hope Lutheran.

Church Choir Director June 2014 – June 2017
Calvary Baptist Church – Boardman, OH

- Organized weekly rehearsals and educate choir members on rhythm, articulation, and interpretation.
- Directed monthly performances
- Assisted or directed the gathering for the Evening Lenten Services supported by The Mahoning Valley Baptist Association.

Private Piano Instructor

December 2012 – Present

Northeast Ohio Region

- Organize and instruct weekly lessons for students between ages 5 – 75, currently has 18 students.
- Research various method books to identify system which works best for each pupil.
- Provide student with skill sets to excel on piano, including technique, ability to memorize, and to create practicing strategies.
- Enter students in the Youngstown Music Teachers Association recitals or create a separate event so each student can demonstrate their accomplishments and improvements.
- Also teaches privately at Hubbard Music in Hubbard Ohio since June 2019

Freelance Piano Performer

June 2012 – Present

Northeast Ohio Region

- Provide music for receptions, banquets, luncheons, Christmas parties and dinner events; Repertoire includes - Classical, New Age, Jazz, Soundtracks, Arrangements and Rock music.
- Create unique repertoire for weddings while working with the bride and groom.
- Perform repertoire that is primarily memorized, in a recital setting.
- Has accompanied for high school, middle school, and church choirs, as well as solo vocalists and instrumentalists.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES**President**

Dana Piano Guild

President & Group Administrator, January 2012 – January 2015, January 2017 – May 2017, January 2018 – June 2018

- Manage Bake Sale Operations and distribute money to guest artists
- Head of Advertisement for events involving piano studio and organization activities
- Organized fundraisers and television interviews for the 88 Hearts of Youngstown Scholarship Campaign

Publicist and Vice President

Youngstown Music Teachers Association

- Vice President, August 2017 – Present
- Assists the president whenever needed
- Publicist, August 2016 – Present
- Sends Press Releases to various local newspapers and TV stations regarding upcoming recitals and competitions
- Member, January 2015 - Present

Merit Badge Counselor

2012 – Present

Eagle Scout

2009 - Present

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

2010 - 2012

Senior Patrol Leader

2008 - 2009

Boy Scouts of America

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**Kitchen Crew**

Christopher's at the End of the Tunnel – Youngstown, OH

December 2017 – August 2018

Christopher's at Knoll Run, Knoll Run Golf Course – Lowellville, OH

July 2015 – December 2017

Another Round Bar and Grille, Reserve Run Golf Course – Poland, OH

June 2011 – August 2015

Magic Tree Pub and Eatery, Magic Tree – Boardman, OH

December 2014 – July 2015

Christopher's at Oak Tree, Oak Tree Country Club – West Middlesex, PA

September 2012 – January 2014

- Prepare food as a fry and prep cook while working as part of the kitchen team
- Train in new areas of kitchen service and line cook responsibilities
- Handle delivery and travel services for catering events in the region
- Assist with catering operations by setting up dining area, bar, and food presentation
- Support staff through dishwasher and busboy duties
- Communicate with servers, as a pantry cook, to assure fast delivery of appetizers and side dishes

AWARDS

- Recipient of the Richard Martin & Aurora Ragini-Martin Piano Award
- Winner of the Youngstown Music Teachers Association Scholarship Audition, December 8, 2013
- Liberty Steel Products, Inc. Endowed Scholarship, YSU
- Dean's List (5 semesters)
- President's List (2 semesters)
- Eagle Scout Award, December 8, 2009
- S.T.E.P. Academic Award, Poland Seminary High School
- Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association Academic Award
- Dr. Lois McCallister Memorial Scholarship in Education, Poland Seminary High School

SIGNIFICANT COURSEWORK

- Major Level Piano instruction (14 semesters)
- Jazz studies (4 semesters)
- Organ Lessons (4 semesters)
- Piano pedagogy (1 semester)
- Piano Chamber (6 semesters)
- Dana Chorale (6 semesters)
- Philosophy of Music (1 semester)
- Barbershop Chorus (3 semesters)
- Research in Music (1 semester)
- Music Theory (7 semesters)
- Music History (4 semesters)
- Communications (1 semester)
- Music Conducting (1 semester)
- Minor Level Voice Instruction (3 semesters)
- Functional Skills for Piano (2 semesters)
- Piano Accompaniment (4 semesters)