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Professional Musician

Master Music Educator

Music Producer

Profile

Highly accomplished professional musician with successful achievements in music education, saxophone & woodwind performance, music production technology and utilization of music education technology. In-depth experience in music education curriculum development, choral and instrumental music program management and implementation of arts in education for total school curriculum enhancement. Expert in recommending individual music education programs for students of all ages, varying abilities and ethnic and socio-economic diversity. Successful in creating and leading organizational booster committees involving parents, teachers and community business leaders which provide musical instruments and equipment for outstanding choral and instrumental music programs. A high achiever that brings creativity, motivational spirit and an invaluable arts education to students and their families. Excellent stage presentation, entertainment and communication skills. Very visible respected in the community as a musician, music educator and conductor exemplified by various musical performances at charity and civic events.

Music Curriculum Development

Music Program Transformation

Community Involvement

Strategic Arts Program Planning

Professional Teaching Practices

Composer & Arranger

Fund-Raising & Grant Writing

Music Technology Implementation

Saxophone & Woodwinds

Music Program Management

Mentoring Developing Music Teachers

Individual Music Instruction

Professional Teaching Experience

Shapley Music Academy, Inc.

1991- Present

Business Owner, Instructor & Consultant

Provide individual and small ensemble music instruction to students of all levels. Specialize in saxophone and woodwind instruction as well as provide instruction for beginning and intermediate level brass, percussion, orchestral strings, piano, guitar, voice, music theory, music composition & arranging, jazz improvisation, rock, popular & contemporary music, music education technology, recording technology, MIDI & digital audio workstations. Well known as a private instructor and jazz education consultant in the Atlanta, Georgia area with excellent relationships with middle school & high school band, orchestra and choral directors as well as elementary music teachers. Proven ability to attract new students while maintaining existing relationships with all students and parents exemplified by 25+ years in a highly successful music teaching business in the south Florida & Atlanta Georgia areas. Success stories include:

- Numerous middle school and high school students being selected for District Honor Ensembles, All-State Band, All-State Chorus and All-State Orchestra & Solo festivals in south Florida and Georgia, receiving Superior Ratings at District and State-Level Solo & Ensemble Competitions.
- Highest number of students selected into the Miami-Dade County Public School's Superintendent's Honor's Elementary Music Festivals 1991-2006.
- Piano & saxophone students received Distinction & High Merit ratings in Music Theory & Performance in the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music program from London, England.
- Piano students received all commendable ratings in the National Guild of Piano Teacher's auditions.
- Successfully taught and enhanced the lives of special needs students through music.
- High School students received full scholarships to top-rated college music schools.
- Students have performed 2 major culminating recitals per year including solo and ensemble performance.

Coweta County School System, Newnan, Georgia
Eastside Elementary School, Senoia, Georgia

2006- Present

Instructor of General Music, Chorus, Band, Orchestral Strings and Recorder Ensemble. Implemented and developed National Standards-Based Music Curriculum to elementary children grades Pre-Kindergarten-5th grade as well as created the first extra-curricular elementary-level band, orchestral strings and recorder ensemble programs in the Coweta County School System. Highlights include:

- Producing a minimum of 2 major performance productions per school-year at the Coweta County Centre for the Performing & Visual Arts and in the surrounding community.
- Directing and producing professional quality CD's and DVD's of the performances of the Eastside Elementary School Bobcat Chorus, Band, Strings and Recorder Ensemble groups including a very successful musical "*We Haz Jazz*" in 2008 and "*The Sound of Music*" in 2015.
- Implementing "*A Call for Instruments*" campaign to receive funds and used instrument donations from parents, community businesses and local charity organizations to provide band and orchestral string instruments to economically disadvantaged students.
- Maintaining over a 90% school-year long enrollment in the extra-curricular choral, band and orchestral string programs.
- Coordinating school-wide events, providing music, sound reinforcement and technical production for the Eastside Elementary Drama Club's annual school plays, kindergarten graduation and 5th grade graduation ceremonies.
- Serving on the Coweta County Elementary Music Teacher's National Standards-Based music curriculum committee.
- Participating in and preparing students for the annual Coweta County Elementary Honor Chorus Festivals 2006-present.
- *2007 Coweta County Teacher of the Year* representing Eastside Elementary School.
- *2008 Teacher's Insurance Plan's Georgia Teacher of the Year.*

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami, Florida

1991- 2006

Jack D. Gordon Elementary School

Irving & Beatrice Peskoe Elementary School

Myrtle Grove Elementary School

Instructor of General Music, Chorus, Band, Orchestral Strings, Guitar and Recorder Ensemble. Implemented The Competency Based National Standards Correlated Elementary General Music Curriculum. Highlights include:

- Producing a minimum of 2 major performances per school-year at each of the school sites as well as coordinating and directing numerous student performances in the surrounding community areas at various charity and civic events.
- Directing, arranging, coordinating and producing 7 professional quality CD's of the Jack D. Gordon Elementary School Chorus, Recorder Ensemble, Bell Ensemble, Band and Orchestral string groups.
- Creating and implementing the "*Young Musician's Performance Guild*" extracurricular music program under the support of the Miami-Dade County Public School's Academic Excellence department for 12 consecutive years.
- Maintaining over a 90% school-year long enrollment in the extra-curricular music groups.
- Coordinating school-wide events, serving as musical director, instructor, arranger, editor, sound engineer and technical producer for musical groups, drama productions, school dedication ceremonies, black history programs, Hispanic Heritage programs, 5th Grade promotion ceremonies, etc.
- Serving as the School Improvement Committee chairperson for Irving & Beatrice Peskoe Elementary School 1992-1994.
- Preparing students for auditions and conducting ensembles for the annual Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent's Honor's Elementary Music Festivals 1991-2006
- Teaching various in-service music workshops to elementary music teachers and for the Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education.

- Nominations for *Teacher of the Year* 1998 and 2001.
- *2004 Miami-Dade County Public School Teacher of the Year* representing Jack D. Gordon Elementary School.
- *2004-2014 National Board Certification in Early Middle Childhood Music.*
- *1994 Peace Educator of the Year*, Myrtle Grove Elementary School.
- *1991-2006* Students selected for the *Miami-Dade County Public Schools Magnet Performing Arts* programs.

Miami-Dade College, Miami, Florida
Adjunct Professor of Music Technology

2001- 2003

Responsible for teaching the MIDI Electronic Instruments course to undergraduate music majors and non-music majors.
 Highlights include:

- Teaching basic music theory and music literacy skills.
- Provided training for MIDI music arranging and basic audio recording & editing using DAWS (Digital Audio Work Station) software programs including Cakewalk, Sonar, Q-base, etc.

Barry University, Homestead, Florida
Adjunct Professor of Music Education

2000 – 2001

Responsible for teaching the Music in the Elementary Classroom course to undergraduate elementary education majors.
 Highlights include:

- Teaching basic music literacy skills, music appreciation and music education instructional techniques to non-music majors.
- Supervising, observing and training developing elementary classroom teachers working with children.

Professional Performing Experience

Freelance Musician, Southeastern United States
Saxophone, Flute & Clarinet

1986 - Present

Professional player for various public and private venues. Master performer of traditional and modern jazz styles, Broadway shows, rock & popular music, recording for television & film and other commercial ventures.

Highlights include:

- Performing saxophone, flute & clarinet in the show bands of *The Temptations, The Four Tops, Roy Clark, Boots Randolph, Joan Rivers, Hal Linden, The Supremes IV, Keely Smith, Bobby Rydell, The Buckingham, Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, Wycliff Gordon, Peter Graves Orchestras, Del Baroni's Band "On the Air", Steve Lippia Big Band, Bob Hoose Big Band, Jerry Fischer Orchestra* and many other professional touring & performing groups.
- Saxophonist, clarinetist, flutist and leader small jazz groups and the *John Shapley Octet*. Performances of the *Essence of Ellington* show and the creation, implementation and performance of the *Tribute to Duke Ellington* children's educational jazz program in several public schools in south Florida.
- Appearance of the *John Shapley Octet* on: the *Black Entertainment Television* series *BET on Jazz*, the *2004 Hollywood Jazz Festival-Hollywood Florida*, the *Goldcoast Jazz Society-Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch* series -Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, *Hollywood Art & Culture Center-Hollywood, Florida*, the *Jazz & Swing Club of South Florida-Boca Raton, Florida* and other private and public venues.
- Release of two professionally recorded CD's: *John Shapley Jazz Ensembles* and the *John Shapley Octet: Essence of Ellington*

Education

Master of Music in Jazz & Contemporary Media, Eastman School of Music
Batchelor of Music, Florida State University

1990

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