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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 program management, and implementing arts in education for total school curriculum enhancement. Expert in recommending individual music education programs for students of all ages, varying abilities and ethnic diversity. Successful at creating and leading organizational booster committees involving parents, teachers and community businesses which provide 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 and respected in the community as a musician and music educator exemplified by various music 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 and Grant Writing

Music Technology Implementation

Saxophone & Woodwinds

Music Program Management

Mentoring Developing Music Teachers

Individual Music Instruction

Professional Teaching Experience

Shapley School of Music, Inc.

1991 – Present

Owner, Music 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 all brass, percussion, orchestral strings, piano, guitar, voice, music theory, music composition & arranging, jazz improvisation, South Atlanta Youth Jazz Orchestra and music technology. Well known as a private instructor and jazz education consultant in the area with excellent relationships with middle school and high school band & orchestra directors as well as elementary music teachers. Proven ability to attract new students while maintaining existing relationships with all students and parents, exemplified by 20+ years in a highly successful music teaching business in the south Florida and the Atlanta Georgia areas. Success stories include:

- Middle School and High School students being selected for District Honor Ensembles, Allstate Band, Chorus and Orchestra festivals in Florida and Georgia, receiving Superior Ratings at District and State Level Solo & Ensemble Competitions.
- Highest number of students selected into the Miami-Dade County Superintendents Honor's Elementary Music Festival 1998-2005
- Students received Distinction and High Merit ratings in Music Theory and Performance in the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in London, England.
- Piano students received all commendable ratings in the National Guild of Piano Teacher's auditions.
- Students selected to perform in the top ensembles in band, chorus and orchestra in their respective public and private school music programs.
- Successfully taught music and enhanced the lives of students with special needs through music
- High School students received full scholarships to top-rated college music schools.

Instructor of General Music, Chorus, Band, Recorder Ensemble, Strings and Guitar. Implemented and developed National Standards- Based Music Curriculum to elementary school children Grades K-5 as well as created the first elementary level extracurricular band and orchestral strings program 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 Arts and in the surrounding community.
- Directing and producing professional quality CDs and DVDs of performances of the Eastside Elementary Chorus, Band and String groups, including the very successful musical “We Haz Jazz” in 2008.
- Implementing “A Call for Instruments” campaign to receive funds and donations from parents, community businesses and local charity organizations to provide instruments to economically disadvantaged students.
- Maintaining over 90% enrollment in the extracurricular band and string programs.
- Coordinating school-wide special events, providing music, sound-reinforcement and technical production for the Eastside Elementary Drama groups annual plays.
- Serving on the Coweta County Elementary Music Teacher’s Standard’s-Based music curriculum committee.
- Participating in and preparing students for the annual Coweta County Honor Chorus Festivals 2006-present.
- 2008 Teacher’s Insurance Plan’s *Georgia Teacher of the Year*
- 2007 Teacher of the Year for Eastside Elementary School.

Instructor of General Music, Chorus, Band, Recorder Ensemble, Strings and Guitar. Implemented the Competency Based National Standards Correlated Music Curriculum to elementary school children Grades K-5. Highlights include:

- Producing a minimum of 2 major performance productions per school-year at each of the school sites as well as coordinating and directing numerous student performances in the surrounding community and at various charity events.
- Directing, arranging and producing 7 professional quality CDs of the Jack D. Gordon Elementary School Chorus, Band and 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 90% enrollment in the extracurricular Chorus Band and String programs.
- Coordinating school-wide special events, serving as the musical director, arranger, editor, sound engineer and technical producer for musical groups, drama productions, school dedication ceremonies, Black History programs, Hispanic Heritage programs, etc.
- Serving as the School Improvement Committee Chairperson for Irving and Beatrice Peskoe Elementary School 1992-1994.
- Preparing students and conducting ensembles for the annual Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent’s Honors Elementary Music Festival.
- Teaching various in-service music workshops to elementary school 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 Teacher of the Year, Jack D. Gordon Elementary School
- 2004 National Board Certification in Early Middle Childhood Music.
- 1994 Peace Educator of the Year, Myrtle Grove Elementary School.
- 1991-2006 Students selected for MDCPS Magnet Performing Arts Magnet Programs.

Miami-Dade College, Miami, Florida

2001-2003

Adjunct Professor of Music Technology

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

- Teaching basic music theory and music literacy skills to non-musicians.
- Provided training for MIDI music arranging and audio recording using Cakewalk and other digital audio workstation software

Barry University, Homestead, Florida

2000-2001

Adjunct Professor of Music Education

Responsible for teaching Music in the Elementary School 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 school classroom teachers working with children.

Professional Performing Experience

Freelance Musician, Southeastern United States

1986–present

Saxophones, Clarinet & Flute

Professional player for various public and private venues. Master performer of traditional and modern jazz styles, Broadway shows, recording for television, film and other commercial music ventures. for teaching MIDI Electronic Instruments course to undergraduate music majors and non-music majors. Highlights include:

- Performing 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's*, *the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra*, *the Peter Graves Orchestra*, *the Del Baroni Band "On the Air"* and many other professional touring & performing groups.
- Saxophonist, clarinetist and leader of the jazz band the *John Shapley Octet*. Performances of the "Essence of Ellington" show and the creation, implementation and performance of the "Tribute to Duke Ellington", a children's educational jazz program.
- Appearance of the John Shapley Octet on the *Black Entertainment Television "BET on Jazz" Series*, the *Goldcoast Jazz Society* and the *Riverwalk Sunday Jazz Brunch* series in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- Release of professional jazz CD's *John Shapley "Jazz Ensembles"* and *John Shapley Octet "Essence of Ellington"*

Education

M.M. in Jazz Studies & Contemporary Music, Eastman School of Music

1990

B.A. in Music, Florida State University

1988

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