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Fellowships, Awards, & Accolades:

2024, Feb - June Lyric Opera of Kansas City & No Divide KC's 5-Month Libretto Fellowship
(paired with a composer to write lyrics and dialogue for a contemporary opera performance)
2024, Jan - April Starlight Theatre & Heartland Arts KC's 12-Week Fellowship
(part of 8-artist cohort to create show informed by public policies towards Kansas City gun violence)
2023 Luke "Skippy" Harbur given "Integrity Award" by No Divide KC (Excellence in art business ethics)
2023 *We Can Wish* music variety show named "Staff Pick" by Minnesota Fringe (4 of 101 shows awarded)
2023 Selected for Missouri Arts Council's "Featured Artist Program," (4 artists selected statewide)
2023 *These Songs Are Emotions* named Runner Up for "Best Local Album"
by *The Pitch* alternative magazine
2023 musicbyskippy named Finalist for "Best Local Musician" by *The Pitch* alternative magazine
2023 *Inaugural Comeback Cabaret* awarded Inspiration Grant by ArtsKC
2022 *My Dying Wish* featured as one of "Best Local Recordings" by Kansas City's
90.1 KKFI & *90.9 The Bridge* radio stations
2022 *My Dying Wish* named Finalist for "Best Local Album" by *The Pitch* alternative magazine
2021 *Here's Why Beatboxing Will Change Your Life* named "Best Music Show" & "Best Variety Show"
by KC Fringe audience
2013 Luke "Skippy" Harbur awarded "Show Stopper Award" by Olathe's Got Talent

Generative Performances (Self Produced, Original Work):

2024, Mar *Second Annual Comeback Cabaret*, Thompson Barn, Overland Park, KS
2023, Dec *Poems* EP release show, Westport Coffeehouse Theater, Kansas City, MO
2023, Sept *We Can Wish* music variety show, Studio Rehearsal Spaces, Denver, CO
2023, Sept *We Can Wish* music variety show with Po Mia, Milque Toast Bar, St Louis, MO
2023, Aug *We Can Wish* music variety show, Minnesota Fringe, Augsburg Studio, Minneapolis, MN
2023, July *We Can Wish* music variety show, KC Fringe, Westport Bowery, Kansas City, MO
2023, June *These Songs Are Emotions* release show, The Ruby Room, Kansas City, MO
2023, Mar *We Can Wish* music variety show, Community School of Music & Arts, Ithaca, NY
2023, Mar *We Can Wish* music variety show, Rubulad, New York City, NY
2023, Feb *Inaugural Comeback Cabaret*, Tuyli Shire Hall, Overland Park, KS

2022, Dec *You Can Sing* EP release show, Westport Coffeehouse Theater, Kansas City, MO
2022, July *We Press Play* album release show, recordBar, Kansas City, MO
2022, June *This Is Us: LGBTQ+* @ The Black Box, show producer, Kansas City, MO
2022, May *Ope! A Play & Cabaret,* Westport Bowery, Kansas City, MO
2022, April *My Dying Wish* album release show, Quixotic's Black Box Theater, Kansas City, MO
2021, July *Here's Why Beatboxing Will Change Your Life*, KC Fringe, Kansas City, MO

Select Collaborations & Commissions, Performances:

2024, May *Salmo: An Opera In 4 Acts*, studio-recorded libretto reader for Prime Minister 1, Kansas City, MO
2024, May *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2024, April *The Garden DIY's Monthly Showcase* @ Blip Roasters, performer, Kansas City, MO
2024, April *BLOC's Educator Conference* @ Bruce R. Watkins Center, performer, Kansas City, MO
2024, March *Decode It: Step Up, Speak Out!* @ Cornell University, emcee & featured artist, Ithaca, NY
2024, March Kansas City Arts Institute, 2-time guest speaker for arts entrepreneurship, Kansas City, MO
2024, March *The Garden DIY's Open Mic Featured Artist* @ The Combine, performer, Kansas City, MO
2024, Jan *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, Dec *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, Nov Scratch Night: presenting songs as poetry, Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, MO
2023, Nov Kansas City Arts Institute, guest speaker for arts entrepreneurship, Kansas City, MO
2023, Nov Brookridge Day School, guest performer, Overland Park, KS
2023, Oct *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, Sept Smithville High School, guest speaker for marketing, Smithville, MO
2023, Sept *ALT RAP* with Zee Underscore & Markus Raines @ miniBar, headliner, Kansas City, MO
2023, Aug Kansas City Repertory Theatre's *Cyrano De Bergerac* @ Spencer Theater, studio-recorded beatboxer, Kansas City, MO
2023, Aug St James Catholic High School, guest teacher for beatboxing, Lenexa, KS
2023, Aug *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, Aug Minnesota Fringe's *Fringe Central* @ Red Sea, headliner, Minneapolis, MN
2023, June *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, June Variety Society of Kansas City @ Westport Bowery, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, June Palace Party's *Midas* @ Stray Cat Film Center, performer, Kansas City, MO
2023, June Boulevardia's *Daisy Buckët Drag Show* @ Crown Center, show producer, Kansas City, MO
2023, June KC Fringe @ University of Missouri - Kansas City, guest speaker, Kansas City, MO

2023, June No Divide KC's "Come As You Are: Vulnerability in the Concert Space" @ Lyric Opera Of Kansas City, performer, Kansas City, MO

2023, May *Kansas City Folk Festival* @ Washington Square Park, performer, Kansas City, MO

2023, May *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO

2023, April Lyric Opera of Kansas City's *Listen Wilhelmina!*, facilitator, Kansas City, MO

2023, March Community School of Music & Arts, guest speaker for beatboxing, Ithaca, NY

2023, March Ithaca College, guest speaker for marketing, Ithaca, NY

2023, Feb - March Music Theater Heritage's *R&H Unplugged* @ Crown Center, beatboxer, Kansas City, MO

2023, Jan University of Kansas, guest speaker for marketing, Lawrence, KS

2023, Jan Variety Society of Kansas City @ Westport Bowery, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Dec Blue Valley High School's *Holiday Harmonies* @ The Folly Theater, beatboxer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Dec *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Oct Brookridge Day School, guest performer, Overland Park, KS

2022, Oct Second Presbyterian Church's *Art On Oak*, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Oct *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Aug 18th & Vine District's *816 Day*, headliner, Kansas City, MO

2022, Aug No Divide KC's *Queer Narratives Festival* @ The Black Box, emcee, Kansas City, MO

2022, Aug *SMUT Variety Show* @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, July *Boozical Monday* @ FountainHaus, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, July *Wednesday Show* @ FountainHaus, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, June *Wednesday Show* @ FountainHaus, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, June *Boulevardia* @ Crown Center, headliner, Kansas City, MO

2022, June *Kansas City Pride Festival* @ Theis Park, headliner, Kansas City, MO

2022, June InterUrban ArtHouse's *Listening Room* series, headliner, Overland Park, KS

2022, June Second Presbyterian Church's *Porch Music* series, headliner, Kansas City, MO

2022, April Music Theater Heritage's *Bubbles & Broadway* @ Crown Center, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022 April The Record Machine's *Summer Concert* series, headliner, North Kansas City, MO

2022, March PH Coffee's *Live Music* series with Alyssa Murray, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, March Quixotic's *Sensatia Cabaret*, performer, Kansas City, MO

2022, Feb Quixotic's *Sensatia Cabaret*, 2-time performer, Kansas City, MO

2021, Dec Westside Family Church, beatboxer, Lenexa, KS

2021, Dec Jukeboxx Media's *Magenta & Bryte* @ Uplinc Studios, performer, North Kansas City, MO

2021, Dec Quixotic's *Sensatia Cabaret*, 2-time performer, Kansas City, MO

2021, Dec Cafe Ca Phe's *Christmas Cabaret*, performer, Kansas City, MO

2021, Dec Beco Gallery's exhibition closing, headliner, Kansas City, MO
2021, Oct *Joco Pride Festival* @ Sar-Ko-Trails Park, headliner, Overland Park, KS
2021 Oct Quixotic's *Terra Luna*, 3-time performer, Overland Park, KS
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2021, Aug Fishtank Theatre's *The Bomb-itty Of Errors* @ The Black Box,
studio-recorded beatboxer, Kansas City, MO
2021, Aug No Divide KC's *Queer Narratives Festival* @ The Black Box, headliner, Kansas City, MO
2021, Aug *Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce Celebration*, performer, Kansas City, MO
2021, July Cafe Ca Phe's *Christmas In July*, performer, Kansas City, MO
2021, June Cafe Ca Phe's *Hella Queer Pop Up*, performer, Kansas City, MO
2021, May Back 2 Basics @ Missie B's, performer, Kansas City, MO
2021, April Ramsey High School, guest speaker for beatboxing, Ramsey, NJ
2021, March Ithaca Waldorf School, guest speaker for beatboxing, Ithaca, NY
2019, Nov Quixotic's *Sensatia Cabaret*, performer, Kansas City, MO
2019, Sept Calvin Arsenia's "LA Sessions Release Party," @ recordBar, performer, Kansas City, MO
2018, May Ithaca College Choral Program's *Listen Here*, beatboxer, Ithaca, NY
2018, March University of North Carolina School of the Arts, guest clinician, Winston-Salem, NC
2018, March NATS Mid-Atlantic Region, guest clinician, Lynchburg, VA
2016, March The Heartland Men's Chorus' *Pitch Slapped*, beatboxer, Folly Theater in Kansas City, MO

Current Discography:

2022, May *We Press Play Release 2,* 12-song album
2024, Feb *Missouri Bullet Boys*, single (YouTube channel exclusive)
2024, Feb *Something More,* single (YouTube channel exclusive)
2023, Oct *Poems,* 4-song EP
2023, July *Gotta Catch My Breath Take 81,* single
2023, April *These Songs Are Emotions,* 6-song EP
2023, Jan *This Song Is Angry,* single
2022, Nov *You Can Sing,* 5-song EP
2022, June *We Press Play,* 12-song album
2022, June *Get Wild,* single
2022, Feb *My Dying Wish*, 12-song album

Arts Administration & Professional Development:

Nov 2021 - Present **LSH Productions, LLC**

Since November 2021 income comes from generative performances, variety shows & festivals, AV work, & marketing strategy work for arts & culture projects

2024, May - June **Mid-America Arts Alliance**

Artistic Innovations Grant Reviewer

Judged and critiqued applications for listed grant, valued up to $15,000

2024, March **Kansas City Young Audiences**

Received mentorship from Midwest Teaching Artist Coalition

& completed daylong intensive on teaching artist training and opportunities in Kansas City, MO

2024, Feb **Music To Life**

Received mentorship from Kansas City speakers and stakeholders for Music To Life

& completed the Musician Changemaker Accelerator, a day-long music & social justice intensive

2024, Feb - March **Mid-America Arts Alliance**

Creative Forces Grant Reviewer

Judged and critiqued applications for listed grant, valued at $10,000 - $50,000

2023, Aug - Nov **Charlotte Street Foundation**

Received mentorship from José Faus & Andy Heise at the Charlotte Street Foundation

& completed Artist INC, an 8-week arts entrepreneurship intensive

2023, June - Aug **No Divide KC**

Received mentorship from Stacy Busch

& completed Springboard for the Arts, an art-focused business course with LGBTQ+ emphasis

2022 & 2023, **Arts KC**

Inspiration Grant Reviewer

Reviewed applications for listed grant, valued at $2,500

2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, **Starlight Theatre**

Blue Star Award Adjudicator & Nomination Committee Member

Adjudicated & nominated high school theater productions in the Kansas City metropolitan area for awards program & helped choose award winners. Awards given based on qualitative & quantitative critique measurements. Production budget is at forefront to combat financial barriers

Feb 2019 - Nov 2021, **American Jazz Museum**

Multimedia & Communications Strategist

Produced print & digital content full-time for the museum, its jazz club,

The Blue Room, & some productions for its arts center, The Gem Theater.

Notable achievement: tripled average digital reach & quadrupled annual video output

2014 - 2018, **Ithacappella @ Ithaca College**

Beatboxer, Tenor, & Financial Officer (served in finance role from 2015 - 2016)

Member of touring, collegiate a cappella group. Managed $20,000 budget as Financial Officer

2014 - 2017, **The Ithacan @ Ithaca College**

Multimedia Editor & Staff Writer (served managerial role from 2015 - 2017)

Produced over 100 pieces of content for the college newspaper. Managed 10 person staff

2014 - 2016, **IC Beatbox @ Ithaca College**

Founder

Taught the art form of beatboxing, also known as vocal percussion, to 20+ college students

Press & Media:

2024, Feb "Willette earns Vulnerability in the Concert Space Composition Fellowship," mentioned as co-collaborator, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln* press release

2023, Nov "Artists To Watch: Luke "Skippy" Harbur," *KC Studio Magazine* arts & culture magazine

2023, Aug "11 Shows To Check Out At The Minnesota Fringe," *Minnesota Star Tribune* newspaper

2023, June "Pride Month: Identities & Soundtracks," *90.9 The Bridge* radio show

2023, April "Luke 'Skippy' Harbur, Imaginary Friends, & the Meaning of Love, *Cuspers* podcast

2023, May "Wednesday MidDay Medley, Episode #996" | Full-Length Interview, *90.1 KKFI* radio show

2022, Nov "Episode #098," *#liveandcreate* podcast

2022, Aug "Episode 246: Boots and Cats," *Wednesday Night Drinking Practice* podcast

2022, June "Live from Boulevardia with musicbyskippy," *Things I Learned Last Night* podcast

2022, June "Live At The Beer Hall: musicbyskippy" | Full-Length Interview, *90.9 The Bridge* radio show

2022, June "Musicians To Watch," *The Pitch* alternative magazine

2022, April "Luke Harbur's musicbyskippy project looks to connect on an individual level", *The Pitch* alternative magazine

2021, Dec "Look out for musicbyskippy as Local Performer Launches Full-Time Career," *In Kansas City,* lifestyle magazine

Education:

2014 - 2018, Ithaca College

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

2013 - 2014, University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School Program

GED with an emphasis in Drama/Acting

2011 - 2013, Olathe East High School