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EDUCATION

North Central College - Naperville, IL
Bachelor of Arts
Major in Jazz Studies
Minor in Environmental Studies
2010 - 2014

Polytechnic University of València - València, Spain
Master of Artistic Production
September 2023 - December 2024

CERTIFICATES

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
120-hour Premier TEFL Course
October 2024
Certificate ID: 275432

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Creative Entrepreneur June 2015 - Present
Musician/Composer/Producer/Visual Artist

- Applies organizational skills to lead community-driven creative projects, collaborating with diverse musical groups across a diverse range of genres.
- Composed over 50 pieces for various ensembles and genres, from jazz sextet to electronic to full orchestra, fostering unity and cultural appreciation through music.
- Contributed as a co-creator and collaborator on community-focused music releases, utilizing design communication techniques to facilitate understanding while engaging in artistic endeavors to encourage dialogue and connection among diverse communities.
- Shared and sold original artworks across the United States and Europe, leveraging art as a medium for cultural exchange and connection, utilizing creative expression as a tool for fostering understanding to build bridges.

Avila University February 2023 - Present
Art Department Adjunct Professor - Kansas City, MO

- Educates non-art majors in creative approaches, fostering innovation, problem-solving skills, and artistic appreciation in students with diverse academic backgrounds.
- Collaborates with co-teacher to develop and implement curricula that enhance critical thinking and cultural awareness, promoting a deeper understanding of global perspectives and community engagement among students.

AmeriCorps Volunteer
Rural Outreach K-8 Music Facilitator - Fossil, OR August 2015 - June 2016

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive curriculum, adapting teaching methods to effectively engage and educate students across various age ranges.
- Provided personalized after-school private lessons on multiple instruments, fostering individual student growth and musical proficiency.
- Organized and coordinated music concerts, offering students opportunities to showcase their talents to family and friends, enhancing student confidence and community engagement.

Cross Lines Community Outreach June 2017 - February 2019
Food Pantry Coordinator - Kansas City, KS

- Managed daily operations, coordinating food distribution effectively to support community members in need.
- Oversaw inventory and supplier relationships to ensure consistent availability of essential items.
- Led volunteer teams, providing training and guidance to optimize service delivery.
- Developed outreach programs to increase community engagement with pantry services.
- Maintained accurate records, collaborated with local organizations, and implemented health and safety protocols for a well-functioning pantry.

Apple March 2019 - June 2023
Creative, Technical Expert, QA Engineer, Technical Support - Kansas City, MO

- Led classes of various sizes, providing instruction on a wide range of devices and software, navigating different learning levels, adapting sessions to Spanish when needed.
- Expanded upon over ten years of experience repairing small electronic devices, specializing in iOS/watchOS software and iPhone hardware issues.
- Efficiently communicated repair and diagnostic steps to clients and colleagues.
- Collaborated in training and mentoring new employees.
- Worked cooperatively with various corporate departments to provide software improvements, employing problem-solving strategies to thoroughly identify and document errors and faults.
- Developed and presented original ideas to improve iMovie to the design team.
- Adapted problem-solving techniques to the telephone format while working from home during COVID shutdown.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Languages: Native English and Spanish speaker

Music: Proficient in composing and arranging music for various instrumentations across diverse genres. Professional double bass and electric bass player proficient in multiple musical styles. Skilled in various instruments including piano, tuba, and guitar. Sheet music editing and formatting using Sibelius Ultimate and Symphony Pro. Musical production using Logic Pro X and GarageBand.

Visual Art: crafts artworks with oil, gouache, acrylics, and colored pencils, enriching cultural expression through diverse mediums. Work subjects/themes include refined geometric abstraction, hyper-realistic portraits, and representations of Maya heritage, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. Self-taught painter, utilizing online resources like YouTube and other platforms, demonstrating a commitment to continuous learning and resourcefulness.

SKILLS & ABILITIES (continued)

Project Management: Proficient in task prioritization, budget planning, event organization, strategic planning, community engagement, and public speaking, ensuring efficient workflow, optimal resource allocation, successful event execution, long-term goal achievement, community collaboration, and effective communication.

Video: iMovie, InShot, artistic direction, storyboard generation.

Book Formatting/Editing: Experienced in editing and formatting books for publication, ensuring professional presentation and readability. Proficient in creating and integrating figures and illustrations to enhance content, delivering visually engaging materials. Dedicated to meeting publication standards with precision and creativity while providing high-quality formatting services.

VOLUNTEER AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Cross Lines Community Outreach - *Kansas City MO - 10 hrs/wk* 2021 - 2023

- Executive Vice President of the Young Professionals Board
- Assisted in planning and coordinating events to fundraise, volunteer, and promote community awareness.
- Facilitates communication and collaboration among board members, fostering a cohesive and effective team environment to achieve organizational goals.

GreenWorks - *Kansas City MO - 8 hrs/wk* Spring 2022

- Fostered the well-being and development of low-income students in grades 4 to 8 by creating a supportive environment and leading educational nature walks to promote environmental awareness and team-building.
- Guided small groups in creative projects, fostering self-expression, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Apple - *Kansas City MO - 8 hrs/wk* 2021 - 2022

- Organized volunteer initiatives as the Internal Volunteer Coordinator for the Kansas City Apple Store, fostering a culture of community engagement and social responsibility among employees.
- Designed, implemented, and managed a comprehensive volunteer program, coordinating diverse activities that positively impacted local communities and enhanced the store's social impact footprint.

Art as Mentorship - *Kansas City MO - 10 hrs/wk* 2018 - 2020

- Assisted with administrative tasks, including setting up emails and managing newsletters, to support organizational operations.
- Taught a range of professional music concepts, from music theory to song licensing, to young individuals, fostering their artistic growth and development.

Ethnographic Film Project - San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala December 2013

- Earned a Richter Grant to conduct in-depth research on waste disposal, deforestation, and water pollution, demonstrating a commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.
- Engaged with Guatemalan environmental advocates through interviews, gaining valuable insights into local perspectives and challenges regarding environmental issues.
- Provided crucial language support by translating dialogue between Spanish and English, facilitating effective communication and collaboration between stakeholders from diverse linguistic backgrounds.