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### **AWARDS**

2016-19: Full Scholarship w/ Paid Assistantship/Instructorship for D.M.A. at University of Colorado, Boulder

2019: Finalist in Chamber Music America's New Jazz Works Grant Competition

2019: Selected Participant in Banff Early Fall Musicians in Residence program

2017: Honorable Mention and Finalist in International Songwriting Competition

2016: Recipient of the ASCAP Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award

2016: Semi Finalist in International Songwriting Competition

2015: Selected Participant in Banff International Summer Intensive Program in Jazz and Creative Music

2014: Callback for the Juilliard Artist Diploma program auditions

2011: Selected Participant in School for Improvisational Music Intensive Program

2009: Finalist in Carmine Caruso International Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition

2007: Winner of International Trumpet Guild Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition

### **DEGREES**

2019: Doctor of Music Arts degree in Jazz Studies/Trumpet Performance, University of Colorado Boulder

2011: Master of Music degree in Jazz Studies/Trumpet Performance, SUNY Purchase

2009: Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies/Trumpet Performance, SUNY Purchase

#### **TEACHERS**

Brad Goode, Jon Faddis, Laurie Frink, Ray Vega, Scott Wendholt, Jim Rotondi, Jeremy Pelt, Tony Kadleck, Mike Rodriguez, Joe Magnarelli, Wynton Marsalis, Walter White, Bill Dunn, John Lambert, Conrad Herwig, Ralph Bowen, Pete Malinverni, Charles Blenzig, Jimmy Greene, Todd Coolman, Steve Wilson, Jon Gordon, Hal Galper

# ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2015: Banff International Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music - The Banff Center, Alberta CA

2011: School for Improvisational Music Selective Summer Intensive Program, New York, NY

2010: Master of Music Degree - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

2007: Vermont Jazz Center Summer Jazz Camp, Burlington, VT

2006: Queens College Summer Jazz Program – Queens College, New York, NY

# ARTISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

Ravi Coltrane, Wynton Marsalis, Jimmy Greene, Tony Kadleck, Josh Evans, Greg Gisbert, Maria Schneider, Darcy James Argue, Johnathan Blake, Matt Brewer, Jonathan Pinson, Jonathan Barber, Sean Jones, Jeremy Pelt, Eric Alexander, Ambrose Akinmusirie, Jon Gordon, Steve Wilson, Jon Faddis, Scott Lee, Jeff Hirshfield, Ralph Bowen, Jim Rotondi, Brad Goode, Harish Ravhagan, Tyshawn Sorey, Renee Rosnes, Arturo O'Farrill, Walter White, Randy Brecker, Henry Cole, Miguel Zenon, Ray Vega, Conrad Herwig, Ambrose Akinmusire

# **RECORDINGS AS A LEADER**

"Journey to a New World"-Fresh Sound Records LLC (2017) "First Vision"-Blue Truffle Music LLC (2013)

# **RECORDINGS AS A SIDEMAN**

"New Day Bends Light"-Erica Seguine/Shan Baker Jazz Orchestra-(coming soon 2020); "It is What it Is"-Gary Fogel LagTet (2019); "Looking Out"-Alex Heffron (2019); "Business Actual"-Noah Barker (2017); "Spanish Island"-Eric Block (2016); "Rebel Spirits"-Eco-Music Big Band (2016); "Instant Oats"-The Oatmeal Jazz Combo (2016); "Colors of Resistance"-Eco-Music Big Band (2016); "Uniting Beats (Ritmos Que Unen)"-Afro Peruvian New Trends Orquestra (2016); "Gelmissin"-Ece Moisson (2015); "With Friends from Here and There"-Wynn Walent (2014); "Steel Cut Oats"-Oatmeal Jazz Combo (2013); "The Gears Below"-Math of Trees (2012); "Stations"-Western Sky Music (2012); "New York Time"-Do La Mizik (2012); "Se Nou'k Kon'n Fe'l"-System Band (2012); "Shake Daddy Jupiter"-Mr. Breakdown (2011); "7th Step"-Shedly Abraham (2011); "The

First Step"-The New York Korean Jazz Orchestra (2012); "Helix"- Helix Kweentet-Avishai Darash (2010); "Jwet La Bel Nan Min'w"-Rafrechi (2010); "Charlie Phillips"-Charlie Phillips (2009); "Everybody's Business"-Captain Coconut (2009); "The Roads They've Taken: Winners of the ITG Conference Student Jazz Improvisation Competition, 1979-2008"-International Trumpet Guild (2008); "Surviving the City"-Doug Ratner (2006)

### PERFORMANCE VENUES AS LEADER

Cornelia St. Café, The Douglas St. Music Collective, Seeds, The Bar Next Door, The Shapeshifter Lab, iBeam, Festival of New Trumpet Music, Dazzle, Smalls Jazz Club, Jazz at the Kitano

### PERFORMANCE VENUES AS SIDEMAN

The Barclays Center (NYC), St. Peter's Church (NYC), The Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC), Carnegie Hall (NYC), National Arts Club (NYC), Symphony Space (NYC), NYU Skirball Theater (NYC), The Stone (NYC), The Cutting Room (NYC), Alice Tully Hall (NYC), Roulette (NYC), Joe's Pub (NYC), Rose Hall (NYC), Putra Indoor Stadium (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), The Blue Note (NYC), The Jazz Standard (NYC), Birdland (NYC), Jazz at the Kitano (NYC), Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (NYC), Fat Cat (NYC), Zinc Bar (NYC), The Hotel New Yorker (NYC), the Apollo Theater (NYC), Smalls Jazz Club (NYC), Smoke Jazz Club (NYC), Chris' Jazz Club (MA), The Painted Bride (MA), Bicentanial Park (Miami, FL) St. Peter's Church (NYC), The Performing Arts Center (Purchase, NY), The Douglas St. Music Collective (NYC), Spirits (Miami, FL), Sullivan Hall (NYC), the Apollo Theater (NYC), Firehouse Space (NYC), Chris' Jazz Club (MA)

# **JAZZ FESTIVALS**

Caribbean International Jazz Festival (Haiti), The Blue Note Jazz Festival (NY), Cadence Jazz Festival (NY), Peekskill Jazz Festival (NY), Rochester Jazz Festival (NY), Albany Jazz Festival (NY), Anugerah Industri Muzik Awards (Malaysia), Kompa Music Festival (FL/Paris), Festival of New Trumpet Music (NY)

# **OFF-BROADWAY SHOWS**

Damn Yankees (National Tour w/ Way-Off Broadway Productions), Les Misérables, Drowsy Chaperone, Guys and Dolls, Sweet Charity, A Chorus Line, The Wild Party, Anything Goes

### ARTISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 2019: Trumpeter w/ Grammy-winning Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra The Jazz Standard (NYC)
- 2018: Headlining artist for the 1st ever Caribbean International Jazz Festival Gelee Beach (Les Cayes, Haiti)
- 2017: Trumpeter w/ Tyshawn Sorey Group The Met Brewer, The Stone (NYC)
- 2017: Release of 2<sup>nd</sup> album as leader, *Journey to a New World* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
- 2016: Soloist in world premiere of Grammy-nominated Jimmy Greene Big Band Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (NYC)
- 2015: Lead Trumpeter w/ ASCAP award-winning Eco-Music Big Band Carnegie Hall (NYC)
- 2015: Trumpeter w/ Grammy-nominated artist Eric Bergen Birdland (NYC)
- 2015: Trumpeter w/ renowned Haitian kompa band, Djakout-Mizik The Barclay's Center (NYC)
- 2015: Trumpeter w/ Henry Cole group feat. John Ellis
- 2015: Trumpeter w/ Steve Coleman large ensemble feat. Marcus Gilmore
- 2014: Trumpeter in world premiere of 71 trumpet piece "Trumpet City" by Craig Sheppard (NYC)
- 2014: Lead Trumpeter in U.S. National off-Broadway production of *Damn Yankees* (North America)
- 2013: Trumpeter w/ Grammy-winning artist Arturo O'Farrill Birdland (NYC)
- 2013: Lead/Solo Trumpeter on Island Princess for Princess Cruises (Panama Canal)
- 2013: Festival of New Trumpet Music world premiere of Henry Brant's "Flight Over a Global Map" Roulette (NYC)
- 2012: Release of debut album as a leader First Vision (Blue Truffle Music LLC)
- 2011: Trumpeter at the Blue Note Jazz Festival w/ J.C. Hopkins Biggish Band The Highline Ballroom (NYC)
- $2010: Trumpeter\ at\ the\ Anugerah\ Industri\ Muzik\ (AIM)\ awards\ -\ Putra\ World\ Tower\ (Kuala\ Lumpur,\ Malaysia)$

### **TEACHING & SCHOLASTIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2016-2019: Graduate Part-Time Instructor/Teaching Assistant, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2019-present: Music Teacher Jazz Empowers, New York, NY
- 2017-present: Music Teacher New York Jazz Academy, New York, NY
- 2016-present: Music Teacher New York Ensemble Classes
- 2013-present: Music Teacher Afro-Latin Jazz Academy of Music, New York, NY
- 2010-present: Music Teacher Gramercy Brass Orchestra of New York, New York, NY
- 2017: Piano, Singing and Drama Teacher-Jubilee Summer Enrichment Program, New York NY
- 2015: Piano, Trumpet, General Music Teacher Lyceum Kennedy International School, New York, NY
- 2010-2011: Departmental Assistant SUNY Purchase, New York, NY
- 2009-2010: Departmental Assistant Mason-Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Jersey