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OBJECTIVE (adapted from the early childhood education learning objectives of the University of Mount Union, Alliance Ohio)

To serve as a role-model, who facilitates and encourages positive social interactions, active learning, and self-motivation; to foster the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills; to facilitate the development of cognitive, social, physical and emotional self-awareness; to share my own passion for music, creativity, and excellence, both for application in the present, and in preparation for the future.

AWARDS

2020: Selected Presenter at the Association for Popular Music Education (APME) conference (Edinburgh Napier University-Edinburgh, Scotland)

2020: Selected Presenter at the International Society for Improvised Music (ISIM) conference (Melbourne Conservatorium of Music-Melbourne, Australia)

2020: Commission from the International Society of Jazz Arrangers and Composers

2020: Finalist in auditions for GRAMMY-winning Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra 4th Trumpet Chair

2016-19: Full Scholarship w/ Paid Assistantship/Instructorship for D.M.A. (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 Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music

2014: Callback for the Juilliard Artist Diploma program auditions

2011: Selected Participant in School for Improvisational Music Summer Intensive Program

2009: Finalist in Carmine Caruso International Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition

2007: Winner of International Trumpet Guild Jazz Trumpet Solo Competition

GRANTS/COMMISSIONS

2020: International Society of Jazz Arrangers and Composers

2020: University of Colorado Boulder Music Advisory Board

2020: Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation

2020: The Actors Fund/Local 802 Musicians Union

2020: The Jazz Foundation of America

2020: The Afro-Latin Jazz Alliance

2020: The Recording Academy/MusiCares

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

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

TEACHERS

Brad Goode, Jon Faddis, Laurie Frink, Ray Vega, Peter Evans, Scott Wendholt, Jim Rotondi, Jeremy Pelt, Tony Kadleck, Mike Rodriguez, Joe Magnarelli, Wynton Marsalis, Allen Vizzutti, Walter White, Bill Dunn, John Lambert, Conrad

Herwig, Ralph Bowen, Pete Malinverni, Charles Blenzig, Jimmy Greene, Todd Coolman, Steve Wilson, Jon Gordon, Hal Galper

NOTABLE ARTISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

Ravi Coltrane, Wynton Marsalis, Jimmy Greene, Tony Kadleck, Josh Evans, Mingus Big Band, Greg Gisbert, Maria Schneider, Darcy James Argue, Johnathan Blake, Matt Brewer, Jonathan Pinson, Jonathan Barber, Sean Jones, Jeremy Pelt, Eric Alexander, Ambrose Akinmusire, 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 Seguire/Shan Baker Jazz Orchestra (*coming soon 2020*); "Looking Out"-Alex Heffron (*coming soon 2020*); "In the Nick of Time"-Gary Fogel Lagtet (2020); "It is What it Is"-Gary Fogel LagTet (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 Fel"-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 (composer credit) (2010); "Jwet La Bel Nan Min'w"-Rafrechi (2010); "Charlie Phillips"-Charlie Philips (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)

NOTABLE PERFORMANCE VENUES AS LEADER

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

NOTABLE 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), The Jazz Gallery (NYC), Roulette (NYC), Joe's Pub (NYC), Rose Hall (NYC), Putra Indoor Stadium (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), The Blue Note (NYC), The Jazz Standard (NYC), Rockefeller Center (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), Bicentennial 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 (NYC), Drowsy Chaperone (NYC), Guys and Dolls (NYC), Sweet Charity (NYC), A Chorus Line (NYC), The Wild Party (NYC), Anything Goes (NYC)

NOTABLE ARTISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

2019-20: Trumpeter w/ Remy Le Boeuf's *Assembly of Shadows* Orchestra - The Jazz Gallery (NYC), Roulette (NYC)
2019-20: Trumpeter w/ Jihye Lee Jazz Orchestra- Shapeshifter Lab (NYC), Birdland (NYC)

2019-20: Trumpeter w/ Manuel Valera Big Band - Django (NYC), Terraza 7 (NYC)
 2019-20: Trumpeter w/ Jason Marshall Big Band - Minton's Playhouse (NYC)
 2018-20: Trumpeter w/ Darcy James Argue's Secret Society
 2019: Trumpeter w/ Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra - The Jazz Standard (NYC)
 2019: Trumpeter w/ The Mingus Big Band - The Jazz Standard (NYC)
 2019: Trumpeter w/ the Birdland Big Band - Birdland (NYC)
 2019: Trumpeter w/ Migiwa Miyajima Jazz Orchestra- Shapeshifter Lab (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 2nd album as leader, *Journey to a New World* (Fresh Sound New Talent)
 2016: Soloist in world premiere of Jimmy Greene Big Band - Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola (NYC)
 2015: Lead Trumpeter w/ Eco-Music Big Band - Carnegie Hall (NYC)
 2015: Trumpeter w/ Eric Bergen - Birdland (NYC)
 2015: Trumpeter w/ Djakout-Mizik - The Barclay's Center (NYC)
 2015: Trumpeter w/ Henry Cole group
 2015: Trumpeter w/ Steve Coleman large ensemble
 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/ the Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra - Birdland (NYC)
 2013: 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: Trumpet Teacher - Deeper Life Bible Church, New York, NY
 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