

# JONATHAN SARAGA

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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

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

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2015: Banff International Workshop in Jazz and Creative Music - The Banff Center, Alberta CA  
2010: Master of Music Degree - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
2011: School of Improvisational Music Selective Summer Intensive Program, New York, NY  
2007: Vermont Jazz Center Summer Jazz Camp, Burlington, VT  
2006: Queens College Summer Jazz Program - Queens College, New York, NY

## 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, New York, NY  
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

## 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, Peter Evans, Steve Wilson, Jon Gordon, Hal Galper

## NOTABLE ARTISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

Jimmy Greene, Tony Kadleck, Alex Norris, Alex Sipiagin, Josh Evans, Greg Gisbert, Ravi Coltrane, The Mingus Big Band, Maria Schneider, Darcy James Argue, Johnathan Blake, Matt Brewer, Steve Coleman, Jonathan Pinson, Ambrose Akinmusirie, Jon Gordon, Steve Wilson, Jon Faddis, Scott Lee, Jeff Hirshfield, Manuel Valera, Migiwa Miyajima, Jihye Lee, Ralph Bowen, Jim Rotondi, Brad Goode, Harish Ravhagan, Tyshawn Sorey, Arturo O'Farrill, Henry Cole, Miguel Zenon, Ray Vega, Conrad Herwig, Remy Le Boeuf

## 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 Seguíne/Shan Baker Jazz Orchestra (*coming soon 2020*); “Looking Out”-Alex Heffron (*coming soon 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 Orquesta (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 (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 PEFORMANCE 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: Trumpeter w/ Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra - The Jazz Standard (NYC)  
2019: Trumpeter w/ The Mingus Big Band - The Jazz Standard (NYC)  
2019: Trumpeter w/ Migiwa Miyajima/Jihye Lee Jazz Orchestra – Shapeshifter Lab (NYC)  
2019: Trumpeter w/ the Birdland Big Band – Birdland (NYC)  
2019: Trumpeter w/ Remy Le Boeuf's *Assembly of Shadows* Orchestra – The Jazz Gallery & Roulette (NYC)  
2018: Headlining artist for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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)