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SUMMARY

Creative and innovative educator & entrepreneur with deep expertise and 30 years of experience in skill-based musician training. Known for developing and leading effective and engaging educational programs, ability to explain complex systems in simple language, and a record of taking students from the most primary fundamentals through advanced skill and concept mastery. Dedicated to advancing the field of music pedagogy with interest in the neuroscientific, physiologic, behavioral, and social/environmental factors that affect student development.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF MUSIC (ABT)

MUSIC COMPOSITION & TECH.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2004 - 2009

3.62 GPA

BACHELOR OF ARTS

MUSIC (PIANO)

Grace College | Winona Lake, IN

1997 - 2002

Cum Laude

SOCIAL DIPLOMA IN PIANO MUSIC

National Guild of Piano Teachers

1997

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Music Composition & Arranging
- Live Sound & Music Technology
- Excel, Airtable & Google Sheets
- PowerPoint

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Instructional Design & Curriculum
- Concept Ideation & Execution
- Small Business Operations
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Staff Training & Onboarding
- Event Planning & Management

EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

Mozart's Gym Music School | 2010 - Current

- Created an innovative music school based on athlete-training concepts applied to musician development, with studios located in multiple sport facilities in the Milwaukee suburbs.
- Led a team of teaching artists in diverse instrument areas, mentoring and training several young teachers at the start of their professional careers in musician development.
- Awarded the distinction of *Founding School of the RCM Music Development Program* (currently known as the *Royal Conservatory Certificate Program*).
- Developed engaging social/competitive programs to encourage student motivation and development through the Mozart's Gym House Cup, a semester-long team and individual tournament where students are rewarded for their preparation, attention, effort and attitude, and the MusicSport skill and theory competition.

MUSIC EDUCATOR

Independent, Guest Artist & Charter School | 1994 - Current

- Worked with more than 1,000 students ranging from age 3 to 80, providing individual & group lessons and classroom instruction in piano, music history, theory & composition and music technology.
- Guided students through successful completion of more than 100 exams in the prestigious Royal Conservatory Certificate Program, with more than 20 earning top scores in the state of Wisconsin.
- Trained students who have been accepted into top music schools and/or received music scholarships to Indiana University, Northwestern University, Belmont University and more.
- Invited to present workshops to music teachers by the Music Teacher's National Association (online webinar to more than 900 participants- 2016), the WMTA (State Conference- 2017) and the Chippewa Valley Music Teachers Association (2020).