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WORK EXPERIENCE

SCHUBERT CLUB; PROJECT CHEER (Nonprofit music education program)

Saint Paul, MN

Music Instructor

Sep 2023 – Dec 2025

- Instructed multiple instruments (piano, classical guitar, electric guitar, electric bass, ukulele, percussion) to a wide range of students (ages 5 - 16)
- Created and facilitated individual personalized curriculums for 30+ concurrent students each semester by assessing personalized learning methods and focusing on documented areas of growth alongside recurring points of difficulty over time
- Created and facilitated curriculums for group/individual lessons on broader musical concepts (rhythm classes for 5+ students, music theory, music history, composition, improvisation, guitar duets for 2+ students, cross-instrument duets for 2+ students, group performance with 5+ students performing vocals/piano/drums/percussion)
- Oversaw all stringed instrument programs and related duties, including: being lead instructor of all stringed instruments, selecting semesterly purchases for stringed instrument programs, tracking inventory of instruments and related items, instrument lending program, instrument repair
- Introduced the electric bass into the instruments available for instruction program
- Co-facilitated end of semester recital performances of all mentioned above
- Integrated visual color coding system into student registration process, aiding instructors and multiple-student families with added clarity of assigned time/instrument for each student

BIRCHBARK BOOKS

Minneapolis, MN

Bookseller

Sep 2018 – April 2020

- Ran the register, including learning the POS system and performing end-of-day closeouts
- Inventory keeping, shelving, unboxing, assessing and reporting damages
- Wrote handwritten personal recommendations for customers and displayed on shelves, as well as suggesting books to be sold in store to management
- Assisted educators/school staff with classroom orders (reading material, quantity, etc.)

EDUCATION

HARBOR CITY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Duluth, MN

AP English, Jazz Band 2012 - 2016, Marching Band 2012 - 2016, Practice leader in group music lessons, Independent music study, Guitarist for choir performance, Latin music symposium/performance, Graduation ceremony performer

Relevant Coursework: Composition, Music Software; Live Performance/Event Coordination

PERSONAL PROJECTS

MODULAR SYNTHESIS

2023

- Independently began researching and experimenting with modular synthesis while cataloging progress with self-produced audio-visual vignettes on an online portfolio Instagram account
- Soundtracked sections of an independent short film using modular synthesis as well as other audio mediums

ABLETON

2014

- Began familiarizing with Ableton 10+ years ago with personal projects, band sessions, audio editing, audio restoration
- Have worked with clients and colleagues on audio consultation, creative consultation, overseeing/operating recording sessions, instruction on navigating Ableton

ADDITIONAL

Awards: The Drum Major for Peace Award, 2017 - For dedicated contributions to the Duluth, Minnesota community in the area of peace and justice, as presented by The Duluth Branch of the NAACP And the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee.