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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Visionary educator and emerging instructional leader with 20 years of experience advancing K-12 and higher education through innovative arts programming, strategic leadership, and community partnerships. Proven record in district-wide initiative management, curriculum development, grant writing, and large-scale festival coordination. Recognized for mentoring educators, leading cross-functional teams, and championing equitable, standards-aligned arts education.

CERTIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

- NYS Certification: Music Education (K-12)
- School District Leader / School Building Leader (SDL/SBL) – SUNY New Paltz, 2025
- M.A., Jazz Performance – CUNY Queens College, 2006
- B.M., Classical Guitar & Music Education – SUNY Potsdam (Crane School of Music), 2004

LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Music Department District Representative – Yonkers Public Schools | 2025–Present

- Serve as liaison between district leadership and music faculty across K-12
- Collaborate on staffing, scheduling, budgeting, and curriculum planning
- Lead district-wide needs assessments aligned to strategic goals
- Research, write, and secure grants supporting instruments and program development

Administrative Internship – Yonkers Public Schools | 2024–Present

- Design and facilitate professional development for art and music educators (K-12)
- Chair and coordinate major district-wide festivals and showcases
- Serve on and lead curriculum writing, hiring, scheduling, and grant committees
- Collaborate with over 100 educators to evaluate and strengthen programs

TEACHING & HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Music Teacher (Grades 7-12) – Yonkers Montessori Academy | 2024–Present

- Launched new general music, concert band and guitar ensemble programs
- Teach general music, music theory, history, and performance in general and special education settings
- Prepare students for NYSSMA and coordinate community performances

Adjunct Lecturer of Music – Dominican University | 2019–2023

- Taught music theory, history, and performance
- Directed student recitals and mentored emerging musicians

Music Teacher / Band Director (K–5) – Osborn Elementary, Rye City SD | 2017–2023

- Directed instrumental ensembles and small group lessons
- Prepared students for NYSSMA and All-County festivals

Music Teacher / Band Director (Pre-K–8) – Spruce Street School, NYC DOE | 2013–2017

- Built comprehensive school-wide music programs and ensembles
- Developed standards-based curriculum for diverse learners

Music Teacher / Band Director (Grades 6–8) – MS 345, NYC DOE | 2006–2013

- Established full instrumental and ensemble programs from inception
- Developed curriculum aligned with NYC and NYS standards

PROGRAM & LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- District-Wide Professional Development Design & Facilitation (Music & Art)
- Curriculum Writing Chair (Art & Music)
- Hiring Committee Chair (Art, Music & CTE)
- Festival, Concert, and Community Event Planning
- NYSSMA & All-County Student Preparation
- Budget Oversight, Resource Allocation & Grant Management