

Kyle Liss

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A young, multitalented high school music educator, private instructor, composer, producer, performer, and accompanist. Holds a BA in Jazz Studies, and possesses a strong work ethic, attention to detail, indomitable passion, and a creative, flexible approach to Music Education.

Work Experience

Frederick High School (Frederick, CO) 2018 – Present

Director of Orchestras, Co-Band Director, Pit Director, Guitar & Music Technology Teacher

- Director of Orchestra program (currently 2 orchestras and 46 students, with 65 students already enrolled for 2019 - 2020 school year).
- Co-Director of Symphonic Band (72 students plus 12 percussionists and 10 color guard in marching season).
- Musical Director of Musical Theatre program (won the Colorado Thespian MainStage competition in 2018, performed at the Bellico Theater).
- Sponsor of two newly founded clubs: Young Composers Club, Warriors of Jazz Combo Club.
- Proposed and had a new course (Small Ensembles, a differentiated coverband / small group class) approved by Administration for 2019 - 2020 school year.

Frederick High School (Frederick, CO) 2017 – 2018

Collaborative Pianist (Paraprofessional Educator)

- Daily work in the classroom with choirs of all ability levels, including leading warm-ups and teaching the students their parts.
- Assistance in developing educational materials and practice tracks to further the students' musical knowledge and song mastery.
- Personal mastery of full accompaniment repertoire for all concerts and competitions.

House Call Music; Maestro Music Institute; Kyle Liss Piano Studios 2013 – Present

Piano and Music Production Instructor (Chicago, IL & Denver, CO Area)

- Detailed work with students of all ages to discern their goals, develop a personalized curriculum, and instruct them in topics such as:
 - Note/sight reading
 - Classical and jazz music theory, tailored to each student's musical interests
 - Improvisation, transcription and ear training concepts and techniques
 - Rhythmic sensibility and musical feel in a variety of styles
 - Ableton/Pro Tools, fundamental - advanced skills, production, and mixing

Empowerment Church (Melrose Park, IL)

2016 – 2017

Musical Director

- Transcription and co-arrangement with Worship Leader of each week's selection of Gospel & Contemporary Christian songs.
- Lead musician during service and in pre-service rehearsals.
- Leader of weekly rehearsal with Worship Team vocalists and backing band.
- Management of backing band, including arranging substitutes and payment.

Chicago College of Performing Arts (Chicago, IL)

2016 – 2017

Contracted Accompanist, Band Leader

- Accompanist in a variety of styles (jazz, Latin jazz, soul, etc.) for the New Deal Vocal Ensemble.
- Creative leadership of the backing band.

IndigoSun, Touring Band (Chicago, IL)

2009 – Present

Keyboardist, Composer/Producer, Booking Agent, Manager

- Composed and was a lead producer on three studio albums of original music.
- As booking agent, responsible for communication with venues, contract negotiation, and maintaining a professional demeanor with a quick turnaround time.
- As manager, responsible for cultivating brand identity, and promoting the band through social media outlets.
- As producer, fluent in Ableton, VST instruments, Pro Tools, synthesizer programming, sound design, and mixing a weekly services.

Caltera School of Music (Berwyn, IL)

2006 – 2008

General Manager

- Creation and editing of lesson and theory instruction materials in Sibelius.
- Scheduling of lessons and small group rehearsals, including parent communication.
- Payroll management, bank deposits, and other financial work.

Volunteer Work

Kadampa Meditation Center Colorado (Denver, CO)

2017 - Present

Former Co-webmaster and Volunteer Coordinator, Current Web Designer

- Coordination of volunteer base in critical roles at regular classes and special events.
- Assistance to the Education Program Coordinator.
- Assisted in a re-design and executes continuous updates of our WordPress-based site.

Kadampa Meditation Center Chicago (Chicago, IL)

2013 – 2017

Webmaster and Education Program Coordinator

- Work with our Resident Teacher to create class, workshop, and retreat programming.
- Copy creation for all classes, retreats, and workshops.
- Coordination of our volunteer base to assist with classes and special events.
- Executed 2 total re-vamps of our WordPress based website.

Education

Master's of Music Education

Began Study in 2019

University of Colorado at Boulder

Bachelor of Music, Jazz Studies

2011

Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts

- ◆ CCPA Honors
 - Member of the CCPA Jazz Orchestra (highest ensemble) for 3 years
 - "Outstanding Soloist" award at Elmhurst College Jazz Festival
 - 3.6 GPA (4.0 Scale)
- ◆ Other Music Education
 - 9 years of classical piano instruction
 - 2 summers of blues instruction w/ Erwin Helfer, a Chicago blues legend
 - 4 years of piano, improvisation, and small ensemble jazz instruction (pre-college)
 - 8 years of classical violin instruction and orchestral experience

High School Diploma

2008

Oak Park River Forest High School

- ◆ OPRF Honors:
 - Exemplary marks on all standardized testing, including a 35 combined ACT score, and 5's (highest score) on 3 AP exams
 - 2008 Illinois State Scholar, National Merit Scholar
 - Member of The Cum Laude Society