

Sophia Griswold

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Professional performer with years of experience as a musician and general entertainer. Has performed internationally at major venues and alongside world-famous artists.

A people person who has a passion for connecting with others. Specializes in trombone and vocals but is proficient on guitar and drums. Also has experience with teaching, theater, and public speaking.

Currently attending Berklee College of Music on a full tuition scholarship

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Contracted Performer

Various Entertainment Companies - Boston, MA

September 2021 to Present

Long-Term Contracted Gigs:

Expo 2020 Dubai (World's Fair) Official Band

- Performed as a member of the official band of one of the world's largest events, the world expo. The event lasted 6-months and was held in Dubai.
- Opened for many world-famous artists such as Cristina Aguilera, Norah Jones, Jason Derulo, Davido, A.R. Rahman, Jacob Collier, etc.

New England Major League Rugby Team Official Band

- Played halftime shows featured on TV: ESPN and NBC Sports Boston
- Paraded around the stadium and stands interacting with fans and led musical activities with children
- Opened for/ played with major musical acts (ex. played "Wagon Wheel" with Old Crow Medicine Show)

Dorney Park Theme Park Band / Parade Performer (RWS Entertainment)

- Performed nightly as member of band for families and children
- Danced in choreographed parade and led dance activities with children

Freelance Performer

Various Music Groups - Boston, MA

October 2015 to Present

Performs mainly as a trombonist, vocalist, and MC, with experience on guitar and drums as well.

Notable Performances:

- Newport Jazz Festival
- Expo 2020 Dubai
- Dizzy's Club Coca Cola

- The Side Door Jazz Club
- Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club
- City Winery Boston
- Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center
- National TV: ESPN, Emirates TV, NBC, Abu Dhabi TV, Expo TV
- Weekly performances at various bars, clubs, cafes, events, fundraisers, and festivals around the northeast

Notable Performance Groups:

- Sophia Griswold (Personally Led): Band performances (Vocals, Trombone, MC) and Solo Performances (Vocals, Guitar)
- Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra
- 2019 All-National Jazz Band
- Performed professionally with Grammy Award winner Delfeayo Marsalis
- Sat in with Grammy Award winner Old Crow Medicine Show on their song "Wagon Wheel"
- Boston Entertainment Companies / Wedding Bands: ex. Cover Story Entertainment, Silver Arrow, Atlantic Shake, The Business Improvement District, etc.
- Regular performances with various pop, jazz, R&B, latin, funk, blues, rock, and folk groups

Has performed with:

- Grammy Award winner Delfeayo Marsalis (professionally)
- Grammy Award winner Old Crow Medicine Show (sat in)
- Grammy Award nominee Jane Bunnett (sat in)

Teaching (Music / Theater)

Freelance - Old Lyme, CT

September 2015 to Present

Private Instruction:

- Provided private lessons kids and adults on various instruments including trombone, guitar, drums, and voice.
- Provided lessons on general music (no specific instrument)

Music Coaching:

- Coached students on how to play music professionally as well as how to audition for college.

Classroom Talks:

- Presented to elementary classes about life as a musician as well as music in general.

Theater Program Counselor:

- Acted as a counselor for various theater camps such as Broadway Bound and Madhatters Theater Company. Assisted with the show and interacted with kids by leading theater games and warm ups and facilitating groups.

Theatrical Performer

Various Theater Groups - Old Lyme, CT

November 2013 to Present

Acted in over 13 plays/musicals. Notable roles include:

- Scar in the Lion King
- Lord Farquaad in Shrek
- The Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz
- Mike TV in Willy Wonka

- Mrs. Peterson in Bye Bye Birdie

Experience with Comedy:

- Former student at Boston Improv Asylum
- Former member of improv comedy group "Acting Up"
- Attends Comedy Open Mics
- Has hosted/MC'd various talent shows, events, fundraisers, etc.

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Music (and a Minor in Musical Theater)

Berklee College of Music - Boston, MA

September 2020 to Present

Skills

- Communication skills
- Theater
- Music (Primary: Trombone, Vocals) (Secondary: Guitar, Drums)
- Humor
- Leadership
- Public speaking

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