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Professional Summary

My goal as a pianist is to entertain people, and to always leave them wanting more. For every performance, I always give 100%.

Skills

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| Pianist | Piano Arranging |
| Vast knowledge in music theory | Singing |
| Sight Reading | Accompanying cabaret |
| Accompanying choirs since second grade | Rehearsal Pianist |
| Performs with Ensembles | |

Experience/History

Freelance Pianist (Student)

I have been performing for cocktail hours, galas and private events since my junior year of high school.

Collaborative Pianist

9/2018-Present

Overbrook School for the Blind – Philadelphia, PA

As the collaborative pianist, I accompany OBSB Choir with their music and I help them identify pitches when learning their songs.

Music Director & Rehearsal Pianist for Beauty & The Beast (Development/Workshop)

MD/Rehearsal Pianist

Keyboardist & Assistant Music Director for “Bring the Beat Back” Feb-Mar 2019

Polyphone 2019 – Philadelphia, PA

Played keyboards for the band for “Bring the Beat Back” at as well as arranging the sheet music for the keyboards and percussion for Polyphone Festival 2019. This included 1-½ months of rehearsals and three performances at The Arts Bank of Philadelphia.

Accompanist for “More Than Tracy Turnblad”

Aug-Sept 2018

Fringe Festival 2018 – Philadelphia, PA

Rehearsed with the performer, suggested creative ideas for the music, and performed three performances in the show.

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Accompanist

Spring 2018, 2019

Brick Memorial High School

Accompanied the BMHS Choir with their rehearsals and concert. I helped the choir with learning their parts, along with the choir director.

Pit for Cowboy Bob

1/2018-3/2018

Polyphone 2018 – Philadelphia, PA

Played keyboards for the band for “Cowboy Bob” at Polyphone Festival 2018. This included 1-½ months of rehearsals and three performances at The Arts Bank of Philadelphia.

Rehearsal Pianist for Hunchback of Notre Dame

10/2017-12/2017

The University of the Arts – Philadelphia, PA

Rehearsal pianist for The University of the Arts production of “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” Rehearsed parts/scenes with the cast members and directors.

Accompanist at Pig Iron Theater Cabaret in Philadelphia, PA

April 2017

Performed music for Cabaret for the Pig Iron Theater

Performed “NGXB and Brooke Falls” at Pass and Stow at Citizens Bank Park

April 28th, 2019

Awards/Other

- Winner of Celebration of Music, Lehigh Valley/Philadelphia (April 2018)
- 3rd Place Winner of the Big Joe Jersey Talent Show (Summer 2016)
- As a high school senior, placed 3rd in the high school talent show with a piano performance
- As a high school junior, placed 2nd with a choral ensemble, singing bass in the high school talent show
- Finalist in Asbury Parks Got Talent (April 2019)
- As a high school sophomore, placed 1st in the high school talent show with a piano performance
- 2018 Chorus Member with Philadelphia POPS Orchestra, POP Rocks (April 2018)
- 2017 Chorus Member with Philadelphia POPS Orchestra, Lenny’s Revolution
- Accompanist for Senior Vocal Recitals at The University of the Arts (2016, 2017)
- Solo performer at wedding cocktail hours, galas, business events and retirement homes
- Accompanying high school chorus concerts in grades 10-12

Education

- The University of the Arts – Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance Major (May 2020)
 - Study Abroad at Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, England (March 2019)
- Piano Summit 2019, NYC (April 2019)
- Shadowed Broadway Tour “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” and “Beautiful” at the Music Academy in Philadelphia

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- Berklee College of Music Improvisation Summer Camp 2015