

Energetic & kind teen who finds joy
in community and civic engagement;
and in learning, performing and teaching
all kinds of music

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TEACHING & VOLUNTEERING MUSIC

CO-FOUNDER, RHYTHMRISE, NOV 2024 - PRESENT

- National initiative to help make drum circles, and their therapeutic benefits, accessible to students facing socioeconomic-related adversity

We do so by:

- Making our own drums (with flower pots, paper plates, and balloons!) and donating to severely under-resourced public schools & community centers
- Authoring a drum circle curriculum supplement, implemented by our partner schools, and publicly available for all

Impact so far:

- Partnering with the largest school districts in their states - Newark, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Providence, RI; New Haven, CT; New York, NY; Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Newark, Delaware; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO - benefiting up to 6,000 kids per year

Scaling & ensuring longevity by:

- National partnerships with School of Rock franchisees, equipping their students to lead efforts in their regions
- Equipping independent volunteers through our publicly available how-to guide
- Engaging community support via our volunteer events

PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR, GUITAR & UKULELE JULY 2021 - PRESENT

- Started teaching fellow kids at age 13
- Private lessons for 15 students / 500+ hrs
- Donate 50% to music accessibility initiatives

VOLUNTEER GUITAR INSTRUCTOR HOBOKEN HOUSING AUTHORITY, FEB '23 - PRESENT

- Teach bi-weekly group lessons for local youth
- Started summer music day camp, 3x week
- Recipient, 2024 Hoboken Community Hero Award

INTERN, NYU STEINHARDT / NORDOFF-ROBBINS CENTER FOR MUSIC THERAPY, MARCH 2025-PRESENT

- Collecting data for research from live clinical sessions
- Using what I'm learning to be a better teacher

GUITAR CLUB FOUNDER + STUDENT LEAD HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL, OCT '24 - PRESENT

- Host & provide guitars for "Redwings Six-Strings" weekly jam sessions for all-level student musicians
- Performing at competitions & school events

MUSIC CAMP COUNSELOR SCHOOL OF ROCK HOBOKEN, AUG 2024 + AUG 2025

- Helped make musical bands of little kids!

LEARNING & PERFORMING MUSIC

THEATER & MUSIC STUDENT, 2014 - ALWAYS

- Began theater and guitar at age seven, learning and loving music in all forms
- Grateful to my instructors, castmates, and bandmates

HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL, MUSICAL + DRAMATIC THEATER 2016 - PRESENT

- Award-winning program casts 100+ K-12 students
- Many lead/supporting roles across 16 productions
- Highlights include first-ever NJ troupe to perform Main Stage at International Thespian Festival, 2024;
- First North American school to perform *Harry Potter*
- Multiple competition awards (see Education section)

SCHOOL OF ROCK HOBOKEN, 2019-2025

- Primary instruments: vocals, guitar, bass
- Performed with top "House Band" 12+ venues including USA's largest festival, Summerfest, Milwaukee

STUDENT, HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IN NYU NORDOFF-ROBBINS MUSIC THERAPY, JULY 2025

- Learned about music therapy, including musical resources & techniques in assessment and treatment
- Becoming a more intuitive, empathetic, and creatively-minded teacher as a result

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC, VALENCIA, SPAIN, JULY 2023

- Guitar training from top international instructors
- Performed with ensemble at Berklee Un Lago De Conciertos, Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias

INVITED PERFORMER, SXSW, AUSTIN TX, MARCH 2023

- Guitar & vocals, Austin Meets Mesa Music Festival

IMPROMPTU MUSICAL PLAYING FUN!

- Beale Street in Memphis, Scottish pub with locals, Lynryd Skynrd Memorial in Mississippi with locals

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EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2026

- Proud Redwing in a diverse, urban school community that feels like home, where so many opportunities are available to us all

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- National Merit Semi-Finalist (12)
- National Honor Society (10-12)
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (11-12)
- 15APs (all 5's & 4's so far)
- AP Scholar w/ Distinction
- AP Capstone Diploma

CLUBS

- Drama Club (9-12)
- Debate Club (9-12)
- Student Government (9-12)
- Varsity Swim Team (9-12)
- Chorus Club (9-12)
- Guitar Club (founder) (11-12)
- Strings (violin) (9-10)
- Jewish Culture Club (12)

DEBATE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Joy in putting performing arts skills to use on debate "stage"
- 2025 Princeton Moot Court, Quarterfinalist Team / overall
- (Only team selected to represent Hoboken High; one of 78 total teams)
- 2025 St. Peter's University Model UN, Most Improved Team / committee (Especially fun because I got to team with my freshman brother!)
- 2025 Harvard Model Congress SF, Honorable Mention / committee
- 2024 Harvard Model Congress SF, First Place Team / committee
- Gained confidence & furthered my interest in exploring a related career

PERFORMING ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lead castings: (Upcoming Spring '26) Dewey Finn, *School of Rock*; Senex, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to the Forum*; Ron Weasley, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*; Cinderella's Prince, *Into the Woods*; Caldwell B. Cladwell, *Urinetown*
- Recognized in all events I competed in as a 10th & 11th grader
- 1st Place, Musical Theater Ensemble, 2024 STANJ
- 2nd Place, Dramatic Pairs, 2024 STANJ
- Finalist, Musical Pairs, 2024 STANJ
- 6th Place, Contrasting Monologues, 2025 STANJ
- Superior Award, Contrasting Monologues, 2023 NJ Thespian Festival
- Judges Award, Ensemble, 2023 Hudson County Teen Arts (violin 1st chair)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

VOLUNTEER, EMILY JABBOUR FOR HOBOKEN MAYOR, FEB 2025 - NOV 2025

- Learned election campaigns strategy, door knocking & bipartisan political discourse

SUMMER SHADOW, DAVID O. MARKUS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, JULY 2025

- Learned from a prominent defense litigator engaged in high-stakes cases:
- Key foundations in criminal law, case strategy, courtroom procedure, client rights, legal writing, motions, writing briefs, critical thinking, composure under pressure, and more

MEMBER, HOBOKEN CITY COUNCIL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION, 2021-2024

- Appointed by City Council (twice) to serve
- Learn & represent teens across civic matters
- Initiated proposal for inclusive teen hangouts

SUMMER LEADERS ACADEMY, PRE-LAW FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, JULY 2024

- Of all the many things I experienced and learned, my most important takeaway was my heightened interest in policy & advocacy/law as potential career avenue

FUN FACT

DUAL CITIZEN (USA/SPAIN)