

VITO SERAFINO GERACI

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EDUCATION	New York University, New York, New York Class of 2029 New York University: NYU Steinhardt Dean's List, Dean's Global Honors Seminar. Fall 2025 — GPA: 4.00 • Composition (Private Lessons) — A • MIDI and DAW Production Studio — Pass • Theory & Practice I: Global — A • Keyboard Skills I — A • Percussion Practicum for Composition — A • Fundamentals of Music Technology — A • Music Notation — A • Composer's Forum — A • Writing as Inquiry — A • New Student Seminar — Pass Spring 2026 — GPA: 3.765 • Composition (Private Lessons) — A • Orchestration I — A • MIDI and DAW Production Studio — Pass • Theory & Practice II: Tonal — A • Aural Skills II: Tonal Harmony — A • Keyboard Skills II — A • Advanced Writing and Research — B • Composer's Forum — A • Contemporary Scoring — A North Broward Preparatory School, Coconut Creek, Florida Class of 2025 North Broward Preparatory School: 4.45; Honor Roll (all semesters); National Hispanic Recognition Program; National Honor Society; AP Scholar AP Coursework Completed: Human Geography(4); Music Theory (5); U.S. History (4) IB Coursework: Music HL; English Language & Literature SL 12th-Grade Coursework: AP Calculus AB; AP Psychology; IB English Language & Literature SL2; IB Music HL2; Physics (H); String Orchestra (H); Piano Studio
HONORS & AWARDS	• "Season Top 1 Award" in the Global Genius Music Competition 2024 Autumn Season with his composition, <i>"Bambi - Eine Lebensgeschichte aus dem Walde."</i> Platinum Prize for Composition, Platinum Prize in the Age 15-17 category, Platinum Prize in the Modern category, Gold Prize in the Chamber Music Group category • Young Composers' Forum at the Tennessee Valley Music Festival National Winner (2024) (Sonata for Skyscrapers) • OmniHarmoni™ Young Composers Competition Division 2 Winner (2024) (Sonata for Skyscrapers)

- National Federation of Music Clubs Composition Winner (2023) (Grand Central Station)
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs Orchestra Winner (2024)
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs Honorable Mention String Trio (2024)
- Berklee School of Music Artistic Grant Award (Summer 2023 participation)
- Global Campus of Nord Anglia Virtual Young Musician of the Year Global Winner: 1st Place - for Classical Composition (2023) (Overture No. 5)
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs Composition Winner (2022) (Grand Central Station)
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs Honorable Mention, Junior Composers (2021) (Pearl Harbor)
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Honorable Mention Junior Composers (2020) (The Oslo" Symphony No. 1 Movement)
- Winner – Eagle Composition (2021) (Discere, Ducere, Spirare, Amare)
- North Broward Preparatory School Quincy Jones Musicianship Award (2024) for outstanding creativity and musicianship (top musical award at NBPS - one per year)
- North Broward Preparatory School Outstanding Musical Achievement Award – (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- North Broward Preparatory School -- Outstanding Artistic Achievement Award – (2021, 2022, 2023)
- North Broward Preparatory School Strings Orchestra - Carnegie Hall (2021)

**ACTIVITIES
(ENSEMBLE
EXPERIENCE) &
VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

Federation of Music Clubs (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Florida and National Club Member | Piano, Violin, Musical Composition
- Competed in multiple events proudly representing North Broward Preparatory School and Mizner Society.
- Dedicated preparation: 2+ hours of weekly instruction for both piano and violin; independent daily practice to master the skills necessary to perfect each piece.
- To advance beyond district competitions, a superior rating is required. At the state level, only one winner and one honorable mention are selected, making the competition especially intense.
- **Composition Competition:** Keyboard, voice, other instruments, or any combination allowed. Composed for a full orchestra.
- **Strings Trio Competition:** Perform as first violin in a trio with two other string players. Meet for 1 to 2 hours on Saturdays. Practice individually throughout the week.
- **Orchestra Competition (Mizner Society):** Serve as the Concertmaster, leading the ensemble in preparation. Rehearse two hours weekly.

Musical Pursuits (General) (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Composition, piano, and violin since elementary school.
- Numerous achievements. (See Honors & Awards)
- Self-taught in music notation. Analyzed and listen to works by great composers. Piano and Violin Sight Reading: Practice by playing pieces of music never seen before, reading and performing them on the spot.
- Award for Ballet Piano Accompaniment

North Broward Preparatory School String Orchestra (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Concertmaster, Composer & Arranger In-Residence, Librarian, & Assistant Director of Orchestra.

North Broward Preparatory School Chamber Orchestra (10, 11)

- Concertmaster (10, 11)

Florida Youth Orchestra (9, 10, 11, 12) and Special Performances

- Violin player for Encore (11, 12) (Chamber Strings), Principal Orchestra (11), Symphony Orchestra (9, 10), Composer, and Summer Camp Teaching Assistant
- Performed original piece, "Pearl Harbor," with the Florida YSO
- Invited to perform in Hawaii for Pearl Harbor's 80th Anniversary with the Florida Youth Orchestra of Music Clubs.
- They performed the original piece, "Finale and Coda," with the Florida Youth Summer Camp Orchestra in 2023.

Broward All-County Gold Orchestra (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Violin I and II in All-County Honor Orchestras in Middle and High School.

National Honor Society (10, 11, 12)

- Participate in service projects aimed at supporting underprivileged children.

Mu Alpha Theta Math Club (10, 11, 12)

- Tutor students in the Math Lab in algebra and geometry.

Model UN (11)

- Outstanding Delegate Award (11)
- Researched policies and wrote position papers.
- Debate, practice, and strategize with teammates.
- Participated in MUN Events. ADHOC Crisis Committee of the Spanish Civil War (as Jose Antonio Aguirre), ARCHIMUN (2023)

Tri-M Music Society (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Host/chaperone guests at NBPS performing arts events.
- Played with the orchestra as a ringer at the school performing arts events and festivals.
- Attend school concerts and help clean up after events.
- Donate instruments to underprivileged children.
- Perform at the International Nord Anglia Performing Arts Festival.

Mizner Society (11, 12)

Nonprofit that creates scholarships & performance opportunities for talented young artists.

- Co-founded and named the organization
- Participates in the Mizner Society as a Violin and Piano Performer, Composer, and Teacher Assistant.
- Mentor musicians, helping them pursue their dreams.
- Meet for three to four hours most weeks on Saturdays.

North Broward Preparatory School Ballet Pianist Accompaniment (11, 12)

- Serve as the accompanist for the school's ballet company, *The Art of Classical Ballet*
- Piano improvisation, sight-reading, and composition.
- Gain real-world experience in a performance setting.

Samaritans 365 Club (9, 10, 11, 12)

- Motivate students at our school to get involved with helping others.
- Participate in Christmas parties and music performances for the children at Abby's Place and Florence Fuller. Participate in The Harvest (toiletry) Drive.

**SUMMER /
EMPLOYMEN
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Composer & Orchestrator for the feature-length film *Rolling* (Summer 2026 - present) (paid employment)

- Composing and Orchestrating an original score for Director Alex Helmer's feature length film *Rolling*

Composer & Orchestrator for the film *Light!* (Summer 2026 - present) (paid employment)

- Composing and Orchestrating an original score for Director Sanya Panda's film *Light!*

Composer & Orchestrator for the documentary *The Secret Beneath the Surface* (Summer 2026)

- Composed and Orchestrated an original score for Director Sanya Panda's film *The Secret Beneath the Surface*.

Composer & Orchestrator & Extra for the film *Among Us All* (Spring 2026)

- Composed and Orchestrated an original score for Director Nick Miceli's short film *Among Us All*
- Extra actor for *Among Us All*

Composer & Orchestrator for the film *Dear Audrey* (Spring 2026)

- Composed and Orchestrated an original score for Director Nia Foote's short film *Dear Audrey*

Composer & Orchestrator for the pilot of *Old Heads* (Fall 2026)

- Composed and Orchestrated an original score for the comedy pilot *Old Heads*, which was directed by Alex Helmer and screenwritten by comedian Guy Knoll

Composer & Orchestrator for the film *Still Life* (Fall 2026)

- Composed and Orchestrated an original score for Director Brady Shea's short horror film *Still Life*

Arranger for The Rod Stewart Experience and Drummer Carmine Appice (Summer 2024 - present) (paid employment)

- Arranged for the Desert Symphony and Colorado Springs Philharmonic "The Rod Stewart Experience" **Carmine Appice**

Composer for Drummer Carmine Appice (Summer 2023) (paid employment)

- Created a 52-second composition for a video, opening a show for legendary drummer Carmine Appice.

Atlantic Music Festival (Waterville, Maine) Summer 2024

- Deep dive into the realm of composition, featuring the global premiere of Vito's original work "Bambi" by a contemporary ensemble, an orchestral reading of his piece "Dunka Winter" performed by the AMF Orchestra, and an advanced course on cutting-edge technology for screen scoring composition.

Young Composers' Forum at the Tennessee Valley Music Festival (Huntsville, AL) Summer 2024

- National Winner (2024) (Sonata for Skyscrapers)
- Composer sessions, master classes by TVMF's talented faculty, rehearsals of Sonata for Skyscrapers, my winning composition.
- Extensive sessions on the art and craft of orchestration, conversations about the practical side of composing.
- Application directly to real-world situations that composers must face when writing professionally.

	Berklee School of Music Film & Video Game Scoring Intensive (LA) Summer 2023 - Scored with a group of 3 other students a cue from the animated movie, “Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken” which was later critiqued by the original composer for the film, Stephanie Economou. Slow Burn Theatre Company (Fort Lauderdale) (Summer 2023) - Performed eighteen shows of "Into The Woods" with the Slow Burn Orchestra Amaturgo Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Berklee School of Music Composition Intensive (Boston) (Summer 2022)
TEACHERS	Julia Wadsworth: Violin Teacher from 2015 to 2025 Brian Mirsky: Violin Teacher/ Chamber Ensemble from 2023 to 2025 Bela Apuzzio: Piano Teacher from 2016 to 2025 Valeria Polunina: Ballet Piano Accompaniment Studio Teacher from 2024 to 2025 August Berger: Composition / Orchestration Teacher from 2017 - 2025 Mike Ladocuer: Composition / Orchestration / Film Scoring Teacher from 2024 - Present Hunter Hanson: Composition / Orchestration / Midi & DAW / Film Scoring Teacher - Present Chris Hajian: Composition / Orchestration / Midi & DAW / Film Scoring Teacher 2026 - Present
OTHER	National Art Honor Society (9, 10) National English Honor Society (9, 10,11) South Florida Third Annual Earth Day Art Contest - Top 10 Finalists (2020)- sculpted the Earth using recycled items. Art in the Capitol Exhibit (2019)- The “<i>Sportsmanship</i>” art piece was selected for recognition and to represent North Broward Preparatory in the Exhibit. Celebrating Art Publication (2020) - Artwork chosen for publication. Fine Arts Holiday Card Contest Winner (2020) Group Documentary History Fair - Second Place, Junior Division (2020) North Broward Preparatory School Art Show: 2023: Honorable Mention for "The Ghoul." 2021: Winner for "Mountainhead." 2021: Honorable Mention for "The Phoenician."