

Arista Short

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Music Education

Concentration: Instrumental - Saxophone

Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2021

- PA & CO State Certifications
- GPA: 3.66, Magna Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

General Music Teacher - Foothills Elementary

Jeffco Public Schools, CO, 2023 - Present

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Director of Bands - Mount Union High School

Mount Union School District, PA, 2021-2023

- Directed and rehearsed jazz and concert bands grades six through twelve
- Ran a competitive marching band program
- Organized opportunities for students to work with clinicians both in-person and virtually
- Utilized assessment to inform rehearsal planning and techniques

Assistant Marching Band Director

Green Mountain High School, CO, 2024-Present

- Ran music and drill rehearsals
- Collaborated with the head director, staff, and Student Leadership Team

Assistant Director - Darkhorse Percussion

Alexandria, PA, 2021-2023

- Planned and facilitated visual and music rehearsal blocks
- Managed logistics for multi-state travel and competitions

Woodland Hills Opportunity Camp

Dickson Preparatory STEAM Academy, Summer 2021

- Responsible for the instruction, management, and growth of a third grade class

Student Teaching

Cedar Cliff High School, Spring 2021

- Introduced, rehearsed, and performed quality repertoire with the premier wind ensemble
- Implemented software programs and online resources to teach students virtually

Assistant Marching Band Director

Marion Center Area High School, PA, 2020

- Designed and implemented instruction for band camp music and drill rehearsals

Woodwind & Visual Technician

Marion Center Area High School, PA, 2020

- Assisted with music preparation and all aspects of visual demands
- Collaborated with head director and other staff members

Junior Field Experience

Dillsburg & Northern Elementary Schools, Spring 2019

- Synthesized classroom learning with hands-on instrumental experiences

Eagle View Middle School, Fall 2019

- Rehearsed three choirs; designed and taught lessons for piano and life skills classrooms

Private Lesson Instructor

Pennsylvania & Colorado, 2019-Present

- Differentiated instruction based on students' abilities, goals, and special needs

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Association for Music Education

Professional Development Conference, District 7, 2018

PMEA State Conference, 2019 - 2023

CMEA State Conference, 2024 - 2025

- Acquired information, resources, and materials on music methodology and pedagogy

MUSIC PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

Raystown Wind Orchestra, 2021-2023

The Big Band Sound, 2021-2023

Messiah University Wind Ensemble, 2018-2021

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra, 2021

Messiah University Symphonic Winds , 2017

Performance Tour: New Jersey and Pennsylvania, 2019

Saxophone Lessons, 2012-2021

Jazz Lessons, 2019-2020

Piano Lessons, 2018-2019

Messiah University Saxophone Quartet, 2017-2021

Messiah University JazzONE, 2017-2021

Messiah University Jazz Combo, 2020

Messiah University Women's Ensemble, 2019-2020

Messiah University Chamber Ensemble, 2020

Pit Orchestra Musician, 2012-2023

Glendale Area High School

Huntingdon Area High School

Mishler Theatre

Marion Center Area High School

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Work Study - Music Department

Messiah University, 2018-2021

- Reorganized and digitized the saxophone studio library
- Responsible for the documentation and submission of student attendance at events

Operation Exodus

New York, New York, Spring 2019

- Built connections with K-12th grade students at the after-school program
- Tutored elementary students in math and english