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About me:

Young composer, arranger, and orchestrator with three years of professional experience. Passionate and enthusiastic about my work and my clients' goals. I strive to be a delight to work with personally and professionally.

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2020 – 2022 – NC, USA

DUAL ENROLLMENT – Wilkes Community College

2022 – PRESENT – VA, USA

COMMERCIAL MUSIC: FILM SCORING (BACHELOR'S) – Liberty University

- University Chorale – 5 semesters
- Pianist for Afro-Cuban Latin Jazz Ensemble – 1 semester
- Private Film Scoring Lessons – 6 semesters
- Private Piano Lessons – 6 semesters
- Advanced Music Theory – 4 semesters
- Aural Skills – 4 semesters
- Music History – 3 semesters
- Conducting – 2 semesters
- Composition – 5 semesters
- Arranging – 1 semester
- Orchestration – 2 semesters
- Music Technology – 4 semesters

2022 – PRESENT – VA, USA

CINEMATIC ARTS MINOR – Liberty University

- Experience on 20 student film sets in various roles.
- 5 film credits as script supervisor.
- Wrote, directed, and produced 2 original short films.
- Classes in screenwriting, directing, cinematography, sound design, and editing.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

05/16/2025 – 08/11/2025 – CA, USA

ORCHESTRATION INTERN – Shadow Mountain Community Church / Turning Point Ministries

- Transcribed musical recordings as a basis for new arrangements.
- Engraved scores, parts, and rhythm charts in Finale for 6 arrangements.
- Composed and engraved parts for 17, 24, and 65pc orchestras plus rhythm section.

- Arranged and orchestrated 3 pieces independently.
- Co-orchestrated a piece with another orchestrator.
- Sang in choir for choral arrangements.
- Orchestrating and engraving work featured in Sunday services, 2 *Celebrate America* concerts, and *A Glimpse of Heaven* concert at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles.

12/12/2022 - PRESENT - VA, USA

FREELANCE FILM COMPOSER – Various Clients

- Created original scores for seven student films (adds to an hour of music total).
- Networking and communication.
- Budget and deliverables negotiation, spotting sessions.
- Knowledge of story structure and filmmaking.
- Composition, programming, mixing, and mastering of scores in Logic Pro.
- Composition in several musical genres.

04/16/2018 - PRESENT - NC, USA

WORSHIP TEAM MEMBER: KEYBOARDIST – Day 3 Church

- Reading chord charts and sheet music.
- Live performance with contemporary band.
- Performance with click track and cues.
- Operating multiple keyboards and sound patches.
- Singing lead and backup vocals.
- Live sound mixing.

08/15/2020 - PRESENT - NC/VA, USA

FREELANCE PIANIST – Various Clients

- Networking, communication, and negotiation.
- Professionalism
- Reading sheet music and charts.
- Following, supporting, and taking cues from other musicians.
- Practicing and attending rehearsals.
- Private and public performances.
- Dressing according to event/client expectations.

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **ENGLISH**

Other language(s): **NONE**

● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Office | Logic Pro | Finale | Google Drive | Outlook

● AWARDS AND HONORS

2017

- Poetry Competition Finalist – HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)
- 4.00 GPA

2018

- Journalist – Beta Club
- Estelle Brady Piano Award – MacDowell Music Clubs
- Superior Festival Performance, Piano Solos Division – NFMC (National Federation of Music Clubs)
- 4.00 GPA

2019

- Estelle Brady Piano Award (2nd time winner) – MacDowell Music Clubs
- Hymn Playing III Award – MacDowell Music Clubs
- Superior Festival Performance, Piano Solos Division – NFMC
- 4.00 GPA

2020

- Scale Club Award – Lynn Wilemon Piano Studio
- Superior Festival Performance, Piano Solos Division – NFMC
- 15–point cup, Piano Solos Division – NFMC
- President’s List – WCC (Wilkes Community College)
- 4.00 GPA

2021

- President’s List – WCC
- 4.00 GPA

2022

- Marlene Speece Clifford Piano Award – MacDowell Music Clubs
- President’s List – WCC
- Commencement Marshall – WCC
- Arts Scholarship 1st Place Winner – NCHE (North Carolina Home Educators)
- College Showdown Scholarship Finalist – Bold.org
- Honors College – LU (Liberty University)
- Academic Scholarship – LU
- Dean’s List, Fall Semester – LU
- 4.00 GPA

2023

- Honors College – LU (Liberty University)
- Academic Scholarship – LU
- Advanced Music Theory – LU School of Music
- Hamby Arranging Scholarship – LU School of Music
- Mildred Francis Thomas Music Scholarship – Provision Financial Resources
- Dean’s List, Spring Semester – LU
- Dean’s List, Fall Semester – LU
- Songwriting work featured in Coffeehouse, campus-wide talent show – LU Student Activities
- Student Fellow with the Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement – LU School of Divinity
- 4.00 GPA

2024

- Honors College – LU
- Academic Scholarship – LU

- Mildred Francis Thomas Music Scholarship (2nd time winner) – Provision Financial Resources
- Dean’s List, Spring Semester – LU
- Dean’s List, Fall Semester – LU
- Student Fellow with the Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement – LU School of Divinity
- 3.97 GPA

2025

- Honors College – LU
- Academic Scholarship – LU
- Mildred Francis Thomas Music Scholarship (3rd time winner) – Provision Financial Resources
- Dean’s List, Spring Semester – LU
- Dean’s List, Fall Semester – LU
- 2nd Place Undergraduate Textual or Investigative Research – LU Research Week
- Original choral arrangement performed in concert by University Chorale – LU School of Music
- Student Fellow with the Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement – LU School of Divinity
- 3.93 GPA

● VOLUNTEER WORK

2018

- Camp Counselor – Uplands Reach Ministries

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- Assorted service projects – AHG (American Heritage Girls)
- Assistant instructor – Steps of Faith Dance

2020

- Assorted service projects – AHG
- Assistant Troop Shepherd – AHG
- Assistant instructor – Steps of Faith Dance

2021

- Camp Counselor – Uplands Reach Ministries
- Assorted service projects – AHG

● HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Filmmaking | Piano | Psychology | Self-Improvement | Philosophy | Theology