



SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Creative, passion-driven, open-minded leader with exceptional interpersonal skills. Realistic, but always eager to strive for the seemingly impossible. While confident in current abilities, fervent about being exposed to and developing new, innovative approaches to any task, project, or idea.

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL

Expected Graduation: May 2017

Master of Music: Individualized Specialization (World Music) • [August 2015 – Present]

University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

August 2010 – May 2015

Bachelor of Music: Music Performance [*Percussion*] • [August 2010 – May 2015]

Bachelor of Arts: Arts Administration [*Emphasis: Music Performance*] • [January 2011 – May 2015]

Experiencing the Arts in Bali

December 2016 – January 2017

Northern Illinois University Study Abroad Program, 3 Weeks | *Bali, Indonesia*

- Studied and performed traditional Balinese art forms with a heavy emphasis on Balinese gamelan
- Practiced traditional culture and religion via immersion

Birdsong Academy

January 2015 – February 2015

Panorama 2015, 11 days | *Tunapuna, Trinidad, West Indies*

- Performed as a member of Birdsong Steel Orchestra in 2015 Panorama Steel Band Competition
- Participated in educational track including masterclasses from resident artist and arranger Andy Narell

University of Massachusetts-Amherst International Program

July 2012 – August 2012

ThisWorldMusic Music & Dance Cultural Field Study, 3 weeks | *Ghana, West Africa*

- Learned musical and cultural traditions through cultural immersion and active participation from locals
- Worked alongside other students from various regions in the United States, Canada, and Switzerland

PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Outreach Department (Assistantship)

August 2016 – Present

Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University | *DeKalb, Illinois*

- Completed post-production edits of podcast entitled “Southeast Asia Crossroads”
- Assisted with tasks assigned by Outreach Coordinator including editing fliers, organizing conference materials/registrations, and attending promotional events

Intern, La Casa de la Cultura La Barquereña (Internship)

June 2016 – July 2016

La Casa de la Cultura Barquereña | *Sabaneta, Colombia*

- Functioned as an artist-in-residence via collaborations with fellow staff and students
- Presented master classes in music and music technology
- Co-produced “Musica del Mundo,” a concert featuring eight different artists/groups each representing different iconic musical styles from various regions of the world

Sales & Underwriting Director [Professional]

February 2014 – May 2015

WRFL Radio Free Lexington | *Lexington, KY*

- Created and maintained relationships with local business owners/station underwriters
- Managed sale and consignment of station merchandise
- Assisted in establishing WRFL Family of Podcasts by soliciting underwriters to fund new initiative

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Technical Production Staff [Professional]
Singletary Center for the Arts | Lexington, KY

August 2011 – May 2015

- Stage managed a variety of performances
- Worked as a sound technician
- Performed stagehand duties

Intern, Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts [Internship]
The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts | Louisville, KY

June – July 2012; May – July 2013

- Worked directly with administrative staff through the course of the program
- Maintained daily blog posts and video updates on The Kentucky Center website
- Assisted in compiling and organizing student files including sensitive and confidential information

Recruiter, Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts [Independent Contractor] **Fall 2012, Fall 2013**
The Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts | Louisville, KY

- Traveled to high schools to give presentations to prospective students of the summer program
- Covered schools in urban, suburban, and rural schools in western Kentucky

Rock the Walk Christian Music Festival [Volunteer]
St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church | Fishers, IN

June 2009

Local benefit concert benefiting To Write Love On Her Arms, hosted by Carmel Deanery Youth Council (Carmel NYC). Raised over \$350, all of which was sent to To Write Love On Her Arms.

- Created, proposed, and coordinated the event
- Recruited and communicated with volunteer bands, sound, and video crews from around Indianapolis
- Took on role of liaison between To Write Love On Her Arms and Carmel NYC as well as between St. Louis De Montfort Church and Carmel NYC

SKILLS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Technical Skills

Proficiency with:

Adobe

- Photoshop
- Illustrator
- Premier Pro

Microsoft

- Word
- Publisher
- PowerPoint

Other

- Mac and PC Operating Systems
- Final Cut Pro
- Website builders (i.e. WordPress, FreeWebs, Wix)
- Social networking sites including Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- Finale PrintMusic
- Sibelius 5

Internet Platforms

- Google Chrome
- Internet Explorer
- Safari
- Firefox

Macintosh

- Logic Pro X
- Garageband
- iMovie
- iPhoto



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