

Devin Collins

Instructor of Commercial Music

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Skills

An all-round musician with professional experience as a pianist, vocalist, guitarist, bassist, drummer, trumpeter, tubist, composer, bandleader, electronic music producer, and educator.

Experience

South Plains College / Instructor of Commercial Music

January 2018 - PRESENT, Levelland, TX

Instructor in piano and electronic music. Leader of ensembles including Touring Ensemble, Warped Tour Band, and Electronic Music Production.

The Lubbock Chorale / Post-Production Engineer

October 2020 - PRESENT, Lubbock, TX

Worked with audio submitted by up to 60 chorale members to correct, combine, and publish audio for choral music videos.

Texas Tech University / Teaching Assistant

August 2015 - May 2017, Lubbock, TX

Assisted in teaching Jazz History, a humanities course for non-music majors. Organized the jazz library. Aided in organizing the annual TTU Jazz Festival.

Louie Louie's / Entertainer

October 2009 - March 2016, Lubbock, TX | Arlington, TX

Performed on piano, guitar, bass, drums, and vocals four nights per week for hundreds of patrons per week. Learned over a thousand popular songs from the 1950s to the present. Helped teach new entertainers.

Pete's / Entertainer

October 2008 - September 2009, Houston, TX | Austin, TX

Trained to perform on piano, guitar, bass, drums, and vocals four nights per week for hundreds of patrons per week.

The Salvation Army / Music Coordinator

July 2007 - April 2008, Beaumont, TX

Coordinated music to perform for weekly services. Performed on tuba and trumpet with members of the Salvation Army from the community. Taught young people how to play and care for brass instruments. Oversaw music outreach programs to the community at large.

Freelance / Musician

January 1999 - PRESENT, Various locations

Performed thousands of jobs as a musician for hire and a bandleader, from small home concerts to nationally renowned jazz clubs to orchestral concert halls.

Education

Texas Tech University / MM Jazz Performance

August 2015 - May 2017, Lubbock, TX

Studied the performance and composition of jazz piano. Participated in small and large jazz ensembles. Performed two recitals featuring original and standard literature. Composed and arranged four works for large jazz ensemble. Fulfilled the role of teaching assistant for the jazz studies department.

University of Houston / BM Music Composition

August 2002 - December 2007, Houston, TX

Studied the orchestral and chamber masterworks of the 19th, 20th, and 21st century. Learned advanced music theory, orchestration, and modern techniques. Presented multiple recitals as composer and tubist. Performed with wind ensemble, orchestra, chamber groups, marching band, and jazz ensembles.

Awards, Commissions, and Publications

2020: Published an electronic music album under the alias "Phaeton Argent."

2018: Commissioned to compose "Omnifunk" for the OMNI Brass, a brass quartet with percussion based in Houston, TX

2016: Won a composition contest for the PROJECT Trio, a mixed ensemble based in New York, NY.

2007: Won a composition contest for AURA, a new music ensemble in Houston, TX.