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Education Experience

Front Ensemble Coordinator

September 2025 – Present

Northern Lights Drum and Bugle Corps

Muskegon, MI

- Providing overall direction and support for the corp's pit percussion educational program
- Developed front ensemble education in collaboration with CMU Master of Music student Matthew Bowman and sound engineer Lillian Dibble, as well as assistant director of percussion Jacob Kamradt
- 2026: Contributed towards their first time making finals, in their second year in All-Age competition

Front Ensemble Coordinator

May 2023 – April 2025

South Lyon East High School Marching Band, South Lyon Percussion

South Lyon, MI

- Educated front ensemble members during the fall and winter, and arranged etudes, exercises and show music

Front Ensemble Instructor

September 2024 – August 2025

Northern Lights Drum and Bugle Corps

Muskegon, MI

- Educated front ensemble members during the spring and summer
- Lead front ensemble rehearsals and developed electronics setup in collaboration with coordinator Justin Humphries

Front Ensemble Instructor

December 2025 – April 2026

NorthCoast Academy Percussion Ensemble

Madison Heights, MI

- Educated front ensemble members in collaboration with caption head Austin Michon and technician Jake Brown

Front Ensemble Instructor

June 2024 – November 2024

Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band

Wayne, MI

- Educated front ensemble members in collaboration with Austin Mortiere
- Learned efficient methods of engaging students and cleaning challenging sections at a high school level

Front Ensemble Instructor

July 2021 – November 2021

Clio High School Marching Band

Clio, MI

- Collaborated in front ensemble education under guidance of Katie Jessop
- Developed skills in effective teaching of visual communication and in rehearsal time management

Performance Experience

Redline Percussion

2020 - 2023

Vibraphone Performer (2020, 2021), Marimba Performer (2022, 2023)

Plymouth, MI

Composition Experience

Creative Programming - Front Ensemble Arranger

August 2026 – Present

Northern Lights Drum and Bugle Corps

Muskegon, MI

- Cooperating with the development and execution of the corps' competitive and performance programming in partnership with the Programming Coordinator

Front Ensemble Arranger

August 2023 – April 2025

South Lyon Percussion

South Lyon, MI

- Collaborated with a team of two other percussion educators to compose and arrange the show music for South Lyon Percussion, a competitive high school indoor percussion group based in South Lyon, MI that performs in competitions hosted by Michigan Alliance for Performing Arts.
- SLP 2024: Snow Day! - A show about the activities that take place on a snow day; arrangement of original music alongside Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite* and OMOCAT's *Snow Forest - A Single Flower Blooms*.
- SLP 2025: Coming Soon - A show capturing the experience of watching trailers at the movie theaters; arrangement of soundscapes from National Geographic documentaries, *The Terminator Main Theme*, Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain*, and Filmack Studios' *Let's All Go To The Lobby*.

Education

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

2022 - 2027

B.S.E. Data Science - College of Engineering, Minor in Music

Relevant Coursework: Music Theory I, Music Theory II, Aural Skills I, Digital Sound Synthesis