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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts in Jazz Performance

Dec 2017

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Research advisor: Professor Chip Stephens

Master of Arts in Jazz Performance

May 2011

Queens College,

City University of New York, Aaron Copland School of Music

Journeyman Artist Diploma

May 2000

Musicians Institute Los Angeles California

Professional Certificate Artist Diploma

May 2000

Musicians Institute Los Angeles California

Bachelor in Classical Piano Performance

Jun 1997

Conservatorio Antonio Maria Valencia.

Instituto Departamental de Bellas artes ,Cali- Colombia

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Piano and Commercial Keyboard

Fall 2021-Present

Colorado Mesa university- Grand junction Colorado- USA

- Applied piano lessons
- Commercial Ensemble
- Ear training II
- Piano proficiency I, II, III, and IV
- Theory II
- Piano pedagogy
- Beginning Jazz Improvisation
- Introduction to Collaborative piano

- Advanced Jazz Improvisation
- Accompanying Techniques
- Keyboard Literature

Jazz instructor: Associate professor

Fall 2016 - spring 2021

Facultad de Musica, Universidad Javeriana- Bogota- Colombia

- Teaching Jazz Piano group Laboratory
- Jazz Harmony
- Jazz History
- Colombian Folk Music
- Jazz Arranging
- Applied Jazz Piano Instruction
- Jazz Theory
- Jazz Ensembles

Piano instructor and Ensemble

Fall 2016- spring 2021

Facultad de Musica Universidad Javeriana PIJ (Childhood program) • Piano

- Jazz Piano
- Jazz Ensemble

Jazz instructor_ Associate Profesor

Fall 2016- spring 2021

Facultad de Musica, Universidad de los Andes- Bogota-Colombia

- Jazz Improvisation
- Popular Harmony I-II
- Keyboard practice I-II
- Jazz ensemble (small combo and Big band)
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Piano Instructor at PIJ (programa infantil y Juvenil).

Fall 2016-spring 2021

Facultad de Artes Programa infantil y Juvenil

Teaching Assistant**Fall 2013-spring 2016**

Music school, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

- Teaching group Piano lesson discussion Laboratory
- Teaching group Jazz piano lesson discussion Laboratory
- Private Jazz piano Instruction for major and non major students

Jazz Instructor- Associate Professor.**(2001- 2009), (2011-2013)**

Facultad de Musica, Universidad Javeriana- Bogota- Colombia

- Teaching Jazz Piano group Laboratory
- Jazz Harmony
- Jazz History
- Colombian Folk Music
- Jazz Arranging
- Applied Jazz Piano Instruction
- Theory
- Jazz Ensembles

Classical Piano Instructor.**(2001-2005)**

Facultad de Musica Programa Juvenil, Universidad Javeriana, Bogota- Colombia •
Classical Piano Instruction for kids

Jazz Instructor- Associate Professor.**(2005-2009), (2011-2013)**

Facultad de Musica, Universidad INNCA de Colombia, Bogota-Colombia

- Jazz Harmony
 - Jazz Arranging • Ensembles
- Applied Jazz Piano Instruction

Classical Piano Instructor.**(1990-1997)**

Conservatorio Antonio Maria Valencia, Cali-Colombia • Classical Piano Instruction for kids

Honor and Awards

Won a Finigan Fund proposal for attending Jazz global workshop April 8 2024

Scholarship received for participating on the jazz Global workshop July 2024

**Grant award from the 2022 Faculty professional Development at Colorado Mesa university
October 11,2022**

**Adrian Herrera Jazz Quintet
Winner at VII Cartagena international Jazz Festival**

(Voces del Jazz y del Caribe). August 2019

Assistantship

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign Spanish department. (2015-2016)

Assistantship

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign School of Music. (2013-2015)

Division Achievement Award

University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. (2015)

Fulbright Scholarship for pursuing A Master Degree

Ministerio de Cultura, Bogota Colombia
Queens College, City University of New York. (2009-2011)

Colfuturo Scholarship for Pursuing a Master degree

Bogota- Colombia. (2009-2011)

Outstanding Student In the KIT Program

Musicians Institute., L.A, California. (2000)

Languages

Spanish: Fluent

English: Fluent

Discography

Camaleon 1999

Ofrenda 2012 Wind of Woods (Antonio Divo) 2010

Professional Experience

Scholarship

- Jazz trio at the gravity house January 7th 2025
- Jazz trio at the gravity house January 14th 2025
- Jazz trio at the gravity house January 21th 2025
- Jazz trio at the Gravity house January 28th 2025
- Adrian Herrera Jazz triorelease album “hope” at Asteria Theater- Colorado mesa University with Andy Wheelock on Drums and Gonzalo Teppa on Bass
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel January 4 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel January 10 2024
- Jazz trio at the Aspen limelight hotel January 11 2024
- Jazz trio at the Aspen Limelight hotel February 9 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel February 15 2024
- Jazz trio at the Snowmass limelight hotel February 16 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel February 23 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel February 29 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel March 7 2024
- Jazz trio at the Aspen limelight hotel March 15 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel March 21 2024
- Jazz trio at the Snowmass limelight hotel March 22 2024
- Jazz trio at the view line hotel March 29 2024

- Jazz trio at the view line hotel April 4 2024
- CMEA conference attendance January 24th-25th 2024
- NAMM Show attendance for evaluating pianos for the New Asteria Theater January 26th-29th 2024
- Trip to Los Angeles with professor Brian Krinke for doing the final selection of the new Shigeru EX concert grand piano for the new Asteria theater
- Rockestra concert At Robinson Playing the Keyboards January 20th 2024
- Faculty jazz Quartet concert February 28th 2024
- Faculty Valentine's gala February 14th 2024
- Katie and the players June 8th 2024 at Ale house
- Katie and the players at Cooper Club June 14th 2024
- Katie and the players June 15th At Barrel restoration Vineyards 2024
- Katie and the players at the lavender Fest June 29th 2024
- Katie and the players at Episcopal Church July 14th 2024
- Katie and the players at Chill Switch wine club August 31st 2024
- Katie and the players at local weddings September 21st, and October 5th 2024
- Katie and the players at Restoration vineyards November 10th 2024
- Katie and the players at Horse therapy house November 1st 2024
- Katie and the players at Horse therapy house December 14th 2024
- Jazz trio at the annual scholarship's reception WSCOGA September 19th 2024
- Rockestra at new Asteria Theater Keyboards part October 19th 2024
- Jazz global workshop at Austin Texas July 22th-27th 2024
- Concert with advanced ensemble at the global jazz workshop and Big band with Chad LB July 27th 2024
- Concert with Dimitri Matheny at Love recital September 17th 2024
- Concert with Darren Kramer at the Jazz festival April 29th 2024
- Music camp Middle school (keyboard enrichment) school of rock June 2-7 2024
- Jazztopia Purple ensemble and advanced improvisation June 10th-13th 2024
- Commencement Ceremony May 18th piano performance at Stock stadium May 18th 2024
- Commencement ceremony piano performance December 13th 2024 at Brownson arena
- Commercial ensemble concert at Warehouse March 6 2024
- Commercial Ensemble concert at warehouse April 17th 2024
- Commercial ensemble concert at warehouse October 9th 2024
- Commercial ensemble concert at warehouse November 13th 2024
- Jazz trio at Timberline bank December 3rd 2024
- Jazz trio at Bookcliff country club December 13th 2024
- Concert With Wind Symphony and Rowdy brass band at CMEA Friday January 27th -2023
- Black student alliance performance with jazz duo February 4 at the CMU Library 2023
- Faculty Jazz Quartet at Love recital February 15th 2023
- Adrian Herrera jazz trio at Nocturne- Denver March 22th 2023

- Adrian Herrera Jazz trio at Muse Claire- Denver March 23rd 2023
- Recording of the new album "Hope" at Mighty Fine studios in Denver April 10 and 11- 2023 Adrian Herrera Jazz piano trio. This album, was the combined budget of professional development grant, Music department and personal budget
- Concert with Lisa Kelly/JB Scott under the Jazz festival on May 1st -2023 at Robinson theater
- Background music performance at Annual CMU employee Recognition on May 9-2023 at CMU Student center
- Commencement performance at Stocker stadium on may 20th-2023
- Rockestra show at Robinson theater June 3rd-2023
- Directing the school of rock performance under the Middle school camp June 4-9- 2023
- Jazz trio at limelight hotel in aspen June 16th-2023
- Jazz Quintet Faculty concert under Jazztopia 2023 at Maverick Hotel June 14th-2023
- Adrian Herrera jazz trio at Robinson theater under Jazztopia 2023 on June 14th
- Closing concert of Jazztopia directing the purple jazz combo on June 15th at Robinson Theater
- Jazz Piano Duo concert with Tim Fox at Carbondale on August 2nd -2023
- Piano and guitar jazz duo with Ivan Gigy at Grand junction Primary care center August 5th 2023
- Jazz piano quartet at The western hotel in Ouray on September 2nd-2023
- Jazz piano trio at Wine Tasting event Hotel Maverick September 12-2023
- Jazz Piano trio at Maverick hotel September 15-2023
- Katy Waters at Mesa theater September 16th-2023
- Jazz piano trio at Snowmass village September 20th-2023
- scholarship reception music with jazz trio at CMU University center Colorado oil Gas Association September 21st-2023
- Katie waters at Porchella festival October 14th-2023
- Katie waters at the Radio Room September 29th-2023
- Adrian Herrera Jazz trio at Farmers market in Basalt on September 24th-2023
- Commencement Performance ceremony at CMU Rec center December 15th-2023
- Jazz trio at Snow mas December 21-2023
- Jazz trio at aspen limelight December 22th-2023
- Jazz trio at Limelight hotel December 26th-2023
- Faculty gala Jazz quintet at love recital, February 14th-2022
- Jazz trio concert at Snowmass limelight, February 17th-2022
- Sponge bob the musical (keyboard parts) March 3-6th, March 10-12th -2022 at Robinson theater
- PRISM Showcase Music faculty at CMU with Caitlin Moore and Jazz faculty Quartet April 24th -2022
- International jazz day concert with Josefina Mendez jazz quintet at Glenwood- Colorado April 30th- 2022

- Guest Artist Concert featuring Ingrid Jensen, Jazztopia faculty and Western Colorado Jazz Orchestra, Wednesday June 15th- 2022
- Summer benefit concert at English in Action (Aspen-Colorado) with Josefina Jazz Trio, July 14th
- Frank Bregar Big band concert at Civic center band stand in Fruita Thursday Night Series July 28-2022
- Jazz trio concert at Snowmass Lime light August 7th-2022
- Jazz trio concert at Aspen limelight August 14th-2022
- Jazz piano duet with Tim Fox at Carbondale August 25- 2022
- Jazz trio concert at Snowmass limelight September 4th-2022
- Adrian Herrera Jazz Trio at Robinson Theater September 9th-2022
- Colorado oil and gas Association jazz piano trio September 22th -2022
- Corks and chords jazz faculty concert at CMU center of Reflection Friday September 16th- 2022
- Rockestra concert (official keyboard player) at Robinson theater September 24-2022
- Pumpkin Jazz festival 2022 with Josefina Mendez jazz trio at Basalt- Colorado October 14th -2022
- Fall concert with Wind Symphony at Robinson theater Nov 2-2022
- Piano Duet at Carbondale Nov 12 -2022
- Jazz piano Trio with Darin Kamstra and Timothy Emmons at Mario's Lounge Downtown Grand junction Nov 15h 2022
- Prism concert with wind symphony and Rowdy brass band at BOTW Dec 2-2022
- Jazz piano trio with Darin Kamstra and Timothy Emmons at Bookcliff Country Club December 9- 2022
- Jazz Trio concert at Snowmass Limelight -Dec 27 -2022
- Bishop memorial performance with jazz quartet Faculty t: Darin kamstra, Johnathan Hinkle, Timothy Emmons, Adrian Herrera. August 26-2021at the Reflection Center -CMU.
- Performance trio with Joe Anderies on guitar, Darin kamstra on drums and Adrian Herrera on piano. Canyon park-Grand junction September 11-2021
- Faculty gala, Jazz faculty Quintet and Jazz faculty trio. September 15 -2021 at Love Hall recital Music department
- Corks and Chords: jazz faculty performance. September 17-2021 at Reflection Center-CMU
- Jazz trio with Mark Johnson on sax and Johnathan Ballou on Bass. October Fest. October 10-2021
- Jazz trio at Bookcliff Country club with Darin Kamstra on drums and Timothy Emmons on Bass. December 3th- 2021
- Concert with guest Artist Robert Harrover December 9- 2021
- Composition of intro sound track for pilot's Tv show called "13 historias de misterio". December 12-2021

At the community level

- Nunsense The Musical (keyboards) December 31th- 2022
- A “little Noon Music” Jazz piano solo concert at First United Methodist Church December 14th- 2022
- Solo Piano performance: Adrian Herrera-Escobar jazz piano concert. A little Noon Music at the First United Methodist Church-Grand junction Colorado. December 8 2021
- Mama Mia Musical: High Desert Opera - Collaborative piano and keyboard player. December 31-2021 January 1st and 2nd -2022

Conferences

- CMEA conference attendance January 24th-25th 2024
- CMEA conference attendance January 25-28 -2023
- Concert With Wind Symphony and Rowdy brass band at CMEA Friday January 27th -2023
- CMEA Presentation of “**Easy Chord Voicings for Rhythm Sections at High School Jazz Bands**”. January 28 - 2023
- CMEA conference attendance January 26-29 - 2022

Service

Recruiting, clinics, and master classes

- Grand junction piano music teacher meeting. Presentation of "The Art of Using Your Inner Ear on Jazz Improvisation." January 13th-2023
- March 10th Master class to students from GJTA sonatina Festival.
- Master class on jazz Improvisation at NAFME Class At CMU-October 4th-2023
- I did the middle school Music Camp on June 4-9 (2023) where I taught Enrichment courses such as Exploring the keyboard and School of rock
- I Directed and teach one of the Purple combo and taught Jazz improvisation at Jazztopia 2023 from June 12-15
- January 25-28 CMEA tour with Rowdy Brass Band and Wind symphony. recruiting trips two 4 different high school: Cherokee Trail HS, Vista Ridge HS, Coronado HS, and Harrison HS.
- Wind symphony and rowdy brass band concert at Cherokee Trai Hs January 25-2023
- Performance at Vista Ridge HS January 25th-2023
- Performance and master class at Coronado HS January 26th -2023
- Mesa experience November 4-2023

- Music Department booth at the Colorado Bandmasters Association Western Regional on October 19th
- Rowdy Brass band concert at Edgewater Brewery -Grand junction March 31th-2022
- Rowdy Brass band tour at Denver and Colorado Springs, 12 performances at Cherry Creek HS (2 shows), Cheyenne Mt HS, Fountain-Ft. Carson HS, The Classical Academy HS, Pine Creek HS, Lewis-Palmer HS, Englewood HS, Chatfield HS, D'Evelyn HS, Arvada West HS, and at the Over Yonder Brewing Company, April 3 to 6th -2022
Music performance at CMU Commencement ceremony May 21th-2022
- Middle school Music Camp June 6-10th -2022
- JAZZTOPIA 2022, Clinics and master classes June 13th-17th-2022
- CBA Summer convention Rowdy Brass band Concert at Columbine High school, July 21-22-2022
- Rowdy brass recruitment trip January 21th 2022 (3 Concerts at Cedaredge Elem/MS/HS school system, and Delta High School).
- Performances at the Central High school for Choir students, Orchestra students and Jazz band students. I have played on three opportunities at this school with the purpose of searching for possible major on piano, keyboard or commercial program. I contacted two students from that presentation and one of them is on the process of deciding for an audition date.
- Music performance at CMU Commencement ceremony December 26th -2022
- First performance: October 20th -2021 at the choir room -Mr. Mathew Coronado
- Second performance -November 17th -2021 at the orchestra room-Ms. Kara Leonardi
- Third performance- February 2- 2022 at the jazz band room- Hans Snell
- Rowdy Brass performance at University center CMU- Mesa Experience May 25th-2022
- Rowdy Brass Performance at Stocker stadium 1A-3A state Championships
- Jazz Faculty performance and recruitment trip: Monday November 8-Tuesday November 9-2021
Mead High school November 8
Greeley West High school November 8
Thompson Valley school November 8
Arvada West High school November 9
Stanley Lake High school November 9
- Corks and chords jazz faculty concert at CMU center of Reflection Friday September 16th- 2022

List institutional service (committees, events, etc.)

- NAMM Show attendance for evaluating pianos for the New Asteria Theater January 26th-29th 2024
- Trip to Los Angeles with professor Brian Krinke for doing the final selection of the new Shigeru EX concert grand piano for the new Asteria theater
- Assessment committee spring 2024
- Piano proficiency result: I designed a new program for piano proficiency which started on August 2022
- Assessment Committee: Spring 2023
- Assessment Committee: Spring and Fall 2022
- Assessment Committee: assigned on Fall 2021
- Piano proficiency committee: I started a revision of the piano proficiency program.

The second week of November 2021 I provided a survey designed for students and another one designed for professors with the objective of developing a presentation about what we have now and what is the main objective on the future. This is a process that is still going.

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Tolijazz jazz festival 2019

.Pastojazz jazz festival 2019

.Festival de jazz voces de Cartagena 2019

.Atlantijazz 2019 (Barranquilla)

.Villa jazz Festival 2018 (Villa de Leiva -Colombia)

. Utopia Jazz festival 2016 (Cali- Colombia)

.Concerts and recitals 2016-Current (Bogota Colombia)

. Concert Adrian Herrera Quintet september 2016 Universidad Javeriana . Citlalin Theater featuring Larry Gary may 2016 Chicago

.Concerts and recitals in Chicago (2013-2016)

. Jazz recitals at University of Illinois (2013-2016)

· Jazz Al Parque 2013 Bogota, Colombia

- Degree Recital, Queens College, New York. Mayo 2011
- Recital And recording Jazz Ensemble. WBGO New Jersey Jazz Radio, New Jersey. 2011
- Recording CD Tony de Vivo, New York, 2010
- Concerts. New York. 2009-2011
- Concert ACMI, Colombia. Bogotá. 2009
- Expovinos Bogotá. 2008-2009
- Concert Jazz Trío. XI Festival de Blues y Jazz. Teatro "La Libélula Dorada". Bogotá. 2008.
- Jazz Concerts . Bogotá. 2000- 2008.
- Tour Bocatto y Crem - Helado, Ilona. 2007.
- Piano player for Ilona (Grammy nomination 2005 - 2007) (rock- pop). 2001 - 2007
- Festival "Sevijazz". Sevilla, Valle. 2006.

- “Camaleón” Quartet. 2001- 2005.
- “5mentario” Quintet. 2005.
- Keyboard player for Julio Nava. 2001- 2004.
- Jazz Concerts (trío, quartet, quintet). Musicians Institute. 1998-2000.
- Recitals Classical piano. 1996-1998. Colombia
- Recital de piano Conservatorio “Antonio María Valencia”. 1996.
- Conciert with Orquesta Sinfónica del Valle. Concert for Piano y Orchesta on C Major by Ludwig Van Beethoven 1995.
- “Jazz al parque”. Cuarteto “Camaleón” Teatro Colón. 1994.
- Cd recording. Cuarteto “Camaleón” 1993.
- Piano recital Biblioteca “Luis Angel Arango”. 1991.

References

John Chip Stephens

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