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Education

2013 - 2016 Music BA, University of York

2009 - 2013 South Bromsgrove High School

- A Levels: Music (A), French (A), English Literature (B).
AS Level: History (A).
Maths Free Standing A Level Unit (B)
- GCSEs: 11 A*s, 3 As, including Maths and English.
- ABRSM Merit Grade 8 Piano.
- ABRSM Distinction Grade 8 Viola.



Theatre Work and Experience

- 2023 *Annie* National Tour and 2022 *Singing In The Rain* National Tour - Keyboard II Deputy
- 2021 Offie Finalist for 'Best Musical Director' with *Call Me Madam* (Upstairs at The Gatehouse, London)
- Recent musical direction credits include *Kinky Boots* (Grand Opera House York), *Once Upon A Mattress* (Upstairs at the Gatehouse), *A My Name Is Alice* (Arden School of Theatre), *Cats* (Grand Opera House York) and *Sweet Charity* (John Cooper Studio Theatre). A comprehensive credits list can be found on my website.
- Regular pit performer & répétiteur for theatre productions across Yorkshire and beyond, recently including *Guys and Dolls* (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield), *Jerry Springer the Opera* (Hope Mill Theatre) and *Evita* (York Theatre Royal).
- 2020-2021 Qualified as a Vocal Health First Aider, plus completed multiple vocal technique CPD courses through Vocal Process webinars and retreat.
- 2018-present Musical Theatre Coach at York Stage School, giving weekly tuition, LAMDA exam coaching and leading 'show in a week' programmes.
- 2018 Musical Director for dementia choir Vocal Flourish Lidgett Grove.
- 2016-2018 Musical Director, conductor and pianist for Jorvik Gilbert and Sullivan Company.

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- 2015 Awarded 'Best Musical Director' at the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival (Unifest) for conducting *Princess Ida*.

Teaching and Accompaniment Experience

- 2018-present Peripatetic Teacher of Strings and Piano at St John Fisher Catholic School, Harrogate
- 2016-2018 Teacher in Charge of Music at St Martin's Ampleforth Preparatory School.
- 2014-2018 Peripatetic Piano Teacher at Norton College in North Yorkshire.
- 2010-present Private Piano Teacher, teaching children, students and adults including guiding pupils through ABRSM exams.
- Experience in accompanying large school choirs, instrumentalists and solo singers in concert performances, auditions and recitals.

Interests and Activities

- I hold a full driving licence.
- I have an up-to-date DBS.
- Trained in Paediatric First Aid.
- I have been a hardworking member of the University of York Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Sinfonietta and String Quartet on viola.
- I have played Alto Saxophone as part of the Sam Johnson Big Band, University of York Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Church Big Band and as part of a function-playing jazz duo, 'Blue2'.
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award - achieving this required me to work hard, patiently and tirelessly with a team of 6 others. Both physically and mentally demanding, it improved my self-confidence, my ability to overcome problems and my determination to see something through to the end.

References available on request.