

SPENCER SCHILLERSTROM

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EDUCATION

Master of Jazz Performance | DePaul University | *Chicago, Illinois*

2018 – 2020

- Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Private Instructors: Scott Burns (jazz), Dennis Carroll (jazz), Dana Hall (jazz) Jim Trompeter (jazz piano)

Bachelor of Musical Arts | DePauw University | *Greencastle, Indiana*

2014 – 2018

Majors: Music & Geology, Minor: Instrumental Jazz Studies

- Cumulative GPA: 3.93/4.00 (summa cum laude)
- Private Instructors: Alex Beltran (jazz), Richard Moore (jazz), Mark Colby (jazz), Scotty Stepp (classical), Steve Snyder (jazz), and Randy Salman (jazz)

TEACHING AND PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Freelance Musician | Independent

2012 – Present

- Performs professionally with the self-led Silver Stream groups
- Records professional-level audio for musical projects
- Travels and performs with many other jazz, blues, and rock groups around the country

Woodwinds Instructor | British International School of Chicago & Flatts and Sharpe Music Store

2018-Present

- Creates and executes weekly lesson plans concerning technique, theory, reading skills, transcription, ear training, and improvisation at both locations
- Teaches saxophone at all levels
- Teaches flute, clarinet, and piano at the beginner-intermediate levels

Middle School Jazz Ensemble Director | Greencastle Middle School

2015-2017

- Co-Directed the Greencastle Middle School Jazz Band
- Selected standard repertoire for the middle school skill level
- Coached the band in rehearsals once or twice a week
- Directed the band during their performances

Music Counselor | Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Summer 2016

- Performed with Blue Lake Faculty Band and Staff Jazz Band as 1st chair tenor saxophonist
- Assisted in counseling and teaching over 45 Blue Lake campers on musical performance concepts

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

DePaul Facilities Assistant

2018-Present

- Works with students, faculty, and staff on scheduling room reservation, recitals, and classes
- Coordinates equipment movement and repairs for over 700 performances a year
- Communicates with external businesses for instrument rental and repair

DePauw Teaching/Festival Assistant

2014-2018

- Co-Created the first annual DePauw Jazz Festival
- Communicated with schools and guest artists
- Booked and monitored rehearsal and performances spaces
- Assisted Professor Steve Snyder in direction of the Greencastle Middle School Jazz Ensemble program.

SKILLS

- Jazz and Avant Garde improvisation
- Theory and Ear Training
- Jazz and Classical Saxophone
- Arranging and Composing
- Compositional programs including Finale and Logic X Pro
- Secondary Instruments: clarinet, flute, and piano
- 8 years of teaching experience both ensemble and applied lessons
- Microsoft Office products

NOTABLE AWARDS/GROUPS

- Residency at Waterfront Café with the " Silver Stream Duo" (2020)
- Performed with drummer Kenny Phelps for Stanley Turrentine Tribute Concert (2020)
- Saxophonist with Dean Z (2020)
- Lead Tenor Sax in Dana Hall's DePaul Jazz Workshop (2018-2020)
- Performed with rising bassist Jeremiah Hunt (2019)
- 2nd Alto in Chicago's Shout Section Big Band (2019)
- Tenor Saxophone for Maggie Speaks (2019)
- Saxophonist for rising vocalist Christian JaLon (2019)
- Pianist and Saxophonist for Jacob on the Moon (2019)
- Saxophonist in Chicago based group "Eunfinished" (2019)
- Sitting musician with Eddie Henderson at Club M2 in Greencastle, IN (2018)
- Saxophonist with the Alejandro Salazar Quintet (2018-2019)
- Substitute Principle Chair Saxophone with the Danville Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- Saxophonist in Chicago based group "Fade" (2018-2019)
- 1st chair jazz tenor saxophone in Illinois (2014 ILMEA)
- Performed at the White House (Washington D.C.) for guests and staff (2014)
- 2 ILMEA All-State Jazz Improvisation Awards (2013)