

# Professional Pianist

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### OBJECTIVE

To utilize my knowledge, experience, and abilities to bring a superior level of musical performance, instruction, and professionalism to any and all relevant environments

### PROFILE

Began study of music at the age of three as a drummer under the guidance of father (former professional)

Commenced formal study of the piano (classical) at the age of nine

Performs with top Chicago, Miami, and NYC professional talent in jazz and latin music scenes

**Master Classes** (2009-2010): Claudio Roditi, Darmon Meader, Peter Erskine, Bob Mintzer, Bobby Watson, Benny Golson, Benny Green, Chris Potter, Christian McBride, Cedar Walton, Jon Faddis

**Special Performances** with Claudio Roditi, Darmon Meader, Bob Mintzer, Victor Goines, John Benitez, Ryan Kisor, Sherman Irby, Carlos Henriquez, Rey de la Paz, Yolanda Rivera, Sammy Figueroa

Studied under Victor Goines, Peter Saxe, Geof Bradfield, Dennis Luxion, Ron Perrillo, Victor Garcia, Ruben Alvarez, Darmon Meader, Bob Mintzer, Ryan Cohan and Jeremy Kahn

Studied extensively under musical and professional mentor Darwin Noguera

**Guest Lecturer** for undergrad non-music major classes at NU: highest reported student approval on CTECs

### EXPERIENCE

Freelance professional musician from 2002-present

Professional pianist in large ensemble and solo acts

Professional recording session pianist

Volunteer choir director and pianist Elementary Pasteur

Volunteer keyboardist/organist at Calvary Church Naperville

Special guest pianist for the Chicago Children's Choir

Arranger for Carpacho's Super Combo

Arranger and pianist for pastor and Christian Rock performer Benjamin Soto of Word Records

Music Director/pianist for the *On the Wonderful Town* with Cast Company

Copyist for Cast Company

Music Director of Sureya Cuban Orchestra

Volunteer Music Director/pianist for Faithworld Church

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Awarded highest score in Chicago city-wide piano competition in 2004

Awarded highest score in Illinois state-wide piano competition in 2005

Awarded Presidential Scholarship at Columbia College Chicago

Awarded Open Door Scholarship at Columbia College Chicago

Awarded Music Departmental Scholarships at Columbia College Chicago

Awarded Eckstein Music Full Scholarship at Northwestern University

### EDUCATION

Northwestern University

M.M. in Jazz Studies

2012-2014

Columbia College Chicago

B.A. in Jazz Studies

2007-2011

Whitney M. Young High School

2003-2007

### SKILLS

Tri-Lingual (English, Spanish, French) (S/R/W)

Leadership, communication, creative problem solving and organizational prowess Multi-instrumentalist

### REFERRALS

Presented upon request