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I am a composer, musician, actor and music producer with a studio in Mississauga. I bring 35 years of experience to production, arranging and as a multi-instrumentalist. Current President of the **Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale**, I compose music for film, play in 4 bands, host and perform at Open Mic Nights and I also perform in musical/dramatic theatre as both an actor and musician (sometimes both in the same production!). I also collaborated with artist *Sonja Hidas* on the **Hot Box Mississauga** project in 2009 as both a composer and audio editor/engineer. In Sept 2010, I performed with the **Blackboard Blues Band** at the Air Canada Centre for 20,000 people as part of a TDSB event that also featured *Nikki Yanofsky*, *The Canadian Tenors* and *Kardinal Offishall*. This same band performed at Mississauga’s Celebration Square in July 2013 as part of the Amacon-Rotary Rib Fest. I am helping the organizers select and book the talent for the 2014 edition of this Rib Fest.

In September of 2013, a feature film that I scored, **Black Eve**, by Ryan M. Andrews had its North American release (both physical media and online). In Canada, this film is available via all HMV retail outlets as well as online.

A resident of Mississauga since 1991, I have raised both a son, Brenden (27), and a daughter, Katherine (18), as a single parent. I feel it is very important to be involved in and to give back to your community. As a result, I have been a member of the **Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale** for 10 years, served on its Board of Directors for 9 of those years and am the club’s current Immediate Past President (2012-2013) as well as a member of **Rotary District 7080’s Membership Committee**.

One achievement I am extremely proud of is initiating and organizing the *first-ever* joint international project by all 9 Rotary Clubs here in Mississauga – these clubs, under my leadership, have raised funds and applied for Rotary matching grants (totalling \$60,000) to facilitate a water project in Mbayi, Zambia – 20 wells to provide fresh, clean drinking water to approximately 5,000 in that community. Approval from Rotary District 7080 has already been given – we are awaiting Rotary Foundation approval for Rotary International.

I also have been involved in and served on the Board of Directors for a number of community and arts organizations in Mississauga, including the **Mississauga Children’s Choir**, **City Centre Musical Productions** and **Music Theatre Mississauga**.

I feel perhaps my greatest asset is a passion for many varied types/genres of music and my willingness to work with and try out varied technologies for creating, performing and editing music. Switching from Top 40 rock to musical theatre to folk to classic rock has helped build my musical vocabulary tremendously and always keeps my interest level and passion for music elevated. A more recent

development has been participating in and now running a number of Open Mic Nights in Mississauga and Brampton. I find these to be extremely beneficial to all artists involved and a wonderful way to connect to both fans and to other artists and develop talent here in Mississauga.

In my project studio here in Mississauga, I employ a number of different techniques and technologies in my compositions and production of pieces. I find the mixing of more traditional recording methods with newer technologies results in a unique blend of sounds and this process yields interesting results.

I am very honoured to be nominated for a Mississauga Arts Council MARTY Award again this year (2014) – thank you for your consideration!

Formal Training:

- York University (1982-1983): Bachelor of Fine Arts Program (*Music-Guitar*)
- Berklee College of Music (online) (2014): Songwriting (part of the Modern Musician Specialization Certification Program)

Instrumental Skills:

- Guitar
- Vocals
- Keyboard
- Bass
- Drums

Music-Related Skills:

- Music Producer
- Audio Engineer (Studio and Live)
- Audio Mastering Engineer
- Keyboard Programming / Sequencing
- Sample & Loop Editing
- Open Mic Night Host and Promoter
- Songwriter, Composer, Lyricist

Other Skills:

- Computer Systems Analyst/Designer
- Computer Programming
- Computer Networking, Installation and Maintenance
- Web Site Management and Maintenance
- Social Networking
- Videographer, Video Editor and DVD Design
- Graphic Design & Photography

Affiliations:

- A member of all 4 member groups of **Music Theatre Mississauga** (Encore Series) since 2004:
 - ✓ **Theatre Unlimited**
 - ✓ **Clarkson Music Theatre**
 - ✓ **Meadowvale Music Theatre**
 - ✓ **City Centre Musical Productions** (member since 2005; director since 2006)
- **Music Theatre Mississauga** (director since 2012)
- **Brampton Music Theatre** (since 2007)
- **Pringlewood Productions** (since 2007)
- **Calliope Sound Productions** (since 2007)
- **Museums of Mississauga—On The Verandah** (since 2005)—took part in the very first fundraiser at Benares Historic House **with Theatre Unlimited**. This was received with great enthusiasm and was made a weekly event from June-August. Have performed every year since then with **Meet The Folkers/Age Of Reason**. Looking forward to our 10th anniversary performance in 2014.
- **SOCAN** (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada)
- **Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale** (member since 2004; director since 2005; current President (2012-2013))
- **Rotary District 7080** (Membership Committee member 2013-2014)
- **Mississauga Children's Choir** (director 2001-2005; President (2003-2004))
- **Moonlit Road Entertainment** (resident composer since 2010)

Current Activities:

Bands:

- **Age of Reason** (founding member: guitar/vocals) www.ageofreason.ca
- **Blackboard Blues Band** (guitar/vocals) www.blackboardbluesband.ca
- **Six String Mojo** (founding member: guitar/vocals) www.sixstringmojo.webs.com
- **Time Trip** (vocals/guitar/founder) www.timetripband.ca

Open Mic Nights:

- **Host of Open Mic at Drake & Firkin** (Mississauga-Sep to Nov 2012)
- **Host of Open Mic Thursdays at Crown & Lion** (Brampton-Jan to June 2013)
- **Host of Open Mic Wednesdays at St. Louis Bar & Grill** (Mississauga-Apr to June 2013)
- **Host of Open Mic Wednesdays at The Bristol Bar & Grill** (Mississauga-Aug 2013 to present)

Film/Visual Arts:

As resident composer for **Moonlit Road Entertainment**, I am in pre-production for **Suffer The Little Children** (2014), a short film adaptation of the Stephen King short story.

I am also always looking for other interesting projects requiring original music.

Community Involvement:

- **Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale** – Immediate Past President (2012-2013)
www.rotary7080.org/meadowvale and www.rotarymeadowvale.ca
- **Rotary Clubs of North Mississauga** –leading a team of 4 local Rotary Clubs in developing a joint international project in Sri Lanka with the **Rotary Club of Kelaniya** in association with **Sleeping Children Around The World (SCAW)** to provide 800-1000 bed kits via Rotary matching grants
- **Rotary Clubs of North/South Mississauga** –leading a team of 9 local Rotary Clubs in developing a joint international project in the amount of \$60,000 USD in Mbayi, Zambia with their local Rotary Club to provide 20 wells and clean water to 5,000 people via Rotary matching grants
- **Rotary District 7080** (Membership Committee member 2013-2014)
- **City Centre Musical Productions** (member & director since 2005)
- **Music Theatre Mississauga** (Sponsorship Director since 2012)

Awards/Special Recognition:

- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Producers Award—Hairspray (Guitar/Keyboard Programming)—**2011-2012
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Producers Award—SHOUT! (Guitar)—**2010-2011
"exemplifies the qualities of true community theatre spirit throughout the production"
- **Calliope Sound Productions—Male Actor Award—**2010
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Programme Design—Titanic--**2009-2010
"exemplifies the qualities of true community theatre spirit throughout the production"
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Scott Shepherd Award—Established—**2008-2009
"Awarded to the individual who most exemplifies an unwavering passion for, and deep commitment to, all aspects of theatre"
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Male Actor—Leading Role (Frankie)—Forever Plaid--**2008-2009
- **Music Theatre Mississauga--Adjudicators Award --South Pacific (Professor)--**2008-2009
- **Music Theatre Mississauga--Adjudicators Award –Sound of Music (Uncle Max)—**2006-2007
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Producers Award—SUDS (BAND--Guitar)—**2006-2007
"exemplifies the qualities of true community theatre spirit throughout the production"
- **Music Theatre Mississauga—Producers Award - Little Shop of Horrors--**2005-2006
"exemplifies the qualities of true community theatre spirit throughout the production"

Published Works/Credits:

<http://www.playD.ca/credits.cfm>

Theatre (Actor/Musician):

Since 2005, I have performed in 36 musical theatrical productions, both as an actor and as an orchestra member (sometimes both!).

- ***Guys & Dolls*** (CCMP 2005) ***Rusty Charlie***
- ***Cool Blues*** (CCMP 2005) ***Guitar***
- ***Little Shop of Horrors*** (TU 2005) ***The Wino***
- ***Blood Brothers*** (Clarkson 2006) ***Chorus***
- ***Ragtime*** (CCMP 2006) ***JP Morgan / Chorus***
- ***Sound of Music*** (TU 2006) ***Uncle Max & Guitar***
- ***SUDS*** (MTM 2007) ***Guitar***
- ***Man of La Mancha*** (CCMP 2007) ***Anselmo & Guitar***
- ***SUDS*** (Aurora 2007) ***Guitar***
- ***Anglo-Indian Festival*** (LAC-Hammerson Hall - August 2007) ***Guitar/Vocals***
- ***The Foursome*** (Calliope 2007) ***Ted***
- ***Scrooge*** (Pringlewood 2007) ***Henry Monte***
- ***Grease*** (Brampton Music Theatre 2007) ***Guitar***
- ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*** (MMT 2008) ***Chorus***
- ***Miss Saigon*** (CCMP 2008) ***Capt. Schulz / Chorus***
- ***Crossing Delancey*** (Calliope 2008) ***Tyler Moss***
- ***Nunsensations*** (MTM 2008) ***Guitar***
- ***Best Little Whorehouse*** (Georgetown Globe 2008) ***Guitar***
- ***All Shook Up*** (Marion Abbott 2008) ***Guitar***
- ***Fiddler On The Roof*** (TU 2009) ***Guitar***
- ***All You Need Is Love*** (Georgetown 2009) ***Guitar***
- ***Evita*** (MMT 2009) ***Guitar***
- ***South Pacific*** (CCMP 2009) ***Professor***
- ***Point of Viewing*** (Calliope 2009) ***Dr. Darren Cooper***
- ***Forever Plaid*** (MTM 2009) ***Francis***
- ***Thoroughly Modern Millie*** (Clarkson 2009) ***Guitar/Banjo***
- ***Man of La Mancha*** (Georgetown Globe 2010) ***Nylon-String/Spanish Guitar***
- ***Unforgettable*** (Clarkson 2010) ***Guitar***
- ***SHOUT! The Mod Musical*** (TU October 2010) ***Guitar***
- ***RENT*** (Brampton Music Theatre Nov 2010) ***Guitar/Keyboard***
- ***Cabaret*** (Theatre Unlimited Jan 2011) ***Guitar/Banjo***
- ***Peter Pan*** (CCMP March 2011) ***Guitar***
- ***Just The Way We Are*** (Clarkson Music Theatre May 2011) ***Guitar***
- ***25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*** (Music Theatre Mississauga Oct 2011) ***Bass***
- ***Hairspray*** (Clarkson Music Theatre Nov 2011) ***Guitar***
- ***The WHO's Tommy*** (City Centre Musical Productions Mar 2013) ***Guitar***
- ***Legally Blonde--The Musical*** (Clarkson Music Theatre Nov 2013) ***Guitar***

Film (Actor):

- **Trace of Doubt**—IIROC Training Video—2010 **Defence Lawyer**

Original Songs / Music Production / Recordings:

I have also arranged & produced well over 100 songs (originals and covers) by myself and with other local artists since 2009).

These include:

- **Christmas Spirit – Vol 1** (“Silent Night”) (fundraiser for local food banks—2009)
<http://www.mississauga.com/whats%20on/article/227310>
- **Lisa Tass-Jackson** (16 song CD—2009)
- **Starship Excelsior Radio Play** (Season 2: “The Line”--original music (“The Toast”) and sound editing-2009) <http://www.starshipexcelsior.com/episodes/season2.php>
- **Scott Jones** (3 song demo CD—2010)
- **Clarkson Music Theatre** (65th Anniversary Slideshow--2010)
- **Age of Reason** (4 song demo CD—2010) www.ageofreason.ca
- **“A Dragon For Christmas”** (original musical by Candi McNeil--cast recording 2010)
- **“Urgency”** (original song by Mike Robitaille/David O’Hearn—2012)
- **Brittany McShane** (2 song demo CD—2011)
- **Blackboard Blues Band** (4 song demo CD-2011) www.blackboardbluesband.ca
- **Sean Jackson/Alina Slawek** (“Classical Gas”) (14 song CD—2012)
- **Len Mizzoni (formerly of ‘Frozen Ghost’)** – demos of his original songs (Jan 2014 to present) (still on-going)
- **“Chasing Rainbows”** (original song by David O’Hearn – 2014)

Film/Visual Arts:

As resident composer for Moonlit Road Entertainment, I have worked a number of their projects since 2010, as well as other independent films. <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3764242/>

- **Suffer The Little Children** (2014) short film (in pre-production)--adaptation of the Stephen King short story
- **Klymene** (2013) short film (in post-production) (original score-composer/musician)
- **Origin: A Call To Minds** (2012) feature film (contributed original music)
- **Black Eve** (2012) feature film (composer/musician)
- **The Devil Walks Among You** (2011) short film (composer/musician)
- **Severance** (2010) short film (composer/musician)
- **The Hot Box Mississauga Project** (with artist **Sonja Hidas**) (2009) original music and sound editing/mixing – exhibited at LAC Art Gallery of Mississauga
<http://www.mississauga.com/mississauga/article/78390>