

MARISA D. WEBSTER

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EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | Jazz Trumpet Master of Arts

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY | Tallahassee, Florida | Jazz Trumpet Bachelor of Arts

Commercial Entrepreneurship Minor | Certificate in Music Entrepreneurship | W.E.B Dubois Honor Society (Dean's List)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Savannah Music Festival Jazz Academy, Savannah, GA — 2024 - 2025

Assistant Program Director

- Directed beginner and intermediate jazz ensembles, fostering musical growth and ensemble performance skills.
- Communicated regularly with families, students, and staff to provide updates and ensure clarity around program activities and expectations.
- Instructed one of the few extracurricular classes offered at Building Bridges Middle School, providing students with expanded learning opportunities beyond the core curriculum.
- Completed training in nonviolent communication to support empathetic workplace interactions.
- Developed and implemented an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to ensure safety and compliance across the program.

Savannah Music Festival Jazz Academy, Savannah, GA — 2021 - Present

Trumpet And Beginner Piano Instructor

- Developing individualized trumpet and piano lesson plans to support technical growth, personal growth, musicality, and performance readiness.
- Piloted the Trailblazers Program for girls in the Jazz Academy, resulting in a 30% increase in female student retention.

Outschool — 2021 - Present

Virtual Instructor

- Designing engaging and informative course presentations using Canva, combining clear instructional design with compelling visuals to enhance learner engagement and comprehension.
- Instructing both group classes and private lessons, adapting teaching strategies to accommodate diverse learning styles and individual student needs.

Rochester Prep School (Through the New Groove Music Studio) — 2020 - 2022

Music Instructor

- Crafted weekly lesson plans that facilitated steady student improvement and engagement through clear objectives and purposeful activities.
- Facilitated engaging weekly music classes that introduced students to the building blocks of music in an accessible and interactive format.

The Kimmel Center, Philadelphia, PA — 2022

Artist Instructor

- Trained in the use and instruction of Soundtrap, a digital beat-making and audio production platform.
- Engaged students with the history of jazz and its ties to social justice movements, using music as a lens to examine cultural identity and activism.
- Co-directed a summer music camp that introduced students to music reading and instrumental skills, fostering creativity and confidence through hands-on learning.

Temple Performing Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA — 2019 - 2021

Production Team

- Served on stage crew, managing sound, camera operation, stage setup, and lighting for live productions.

INTERNSHIPS

- Friday Musicale, Jacksonville, FL — 2023
- Don't Miss a Beat, Jacksonville, FL — 2017 & 2022
- DL Media, Philadelphia, PA — 2021
- New Groove Music Studio, Philadelphia, PA — 2021

NOTABLE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Savannah Heritage Festival, Savannah, GA — 2017, 2018, 2025
- Jacksonville Symphony Jazz Series with The Jacksonville Jazz Collective, Jacksonville, FL — 2023
- Mary Lou Jazz Festival with The Dee Dee Bridgewater Big Band, Washington, D.C — 2023
- Detroit Jazz Festival with The Dee Dee Bridgewater Big Band, Detroit, MI — 2021
- Jacksonville Jazz Festival with The Mica Bethea Big Band, Jacksonville, FL — 2018
- Quincy Musical Theater, Quincy, FL — 2016

SKILLS

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| • Proficient in use of Dorico & Finale Music Software | • Music Arranging |
| • Proficient in Canva | • Music Transcribing |
| • Band Lab, Sound Trap Music Production Software | • Music Composition |
| • Website Creation via Wix | • Advertising on Social Media: Facebook, Instagram |
| • WordPress Website Editing | • CPR Certified |
| • Organization (Digital & Material) | |
| • Google Office Suite | |

HONORS

- Guest Artist on WSAV Savannah News "Friday Wind Down" Series — 2024
- Accepted into the "Jazz Aspen Jazz Academy", Aspen, CO — 2021
- Invited to participate in Dee Dee Bridgewater's "Woodshed Network", Virtual — 2021
- Invited to be a guest speaker at the "Key of She Conference", Virtual — 2021
- Accepted into the "Betty Carter Jazz Ahead" Program, Washington D.C — 2019
- Received the "Amazing Service" award while working at Academy Sports and Outdoors — 2016