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# NICHOLAS MUELLER

pianist • vocalist • performer • composer • teacher

## EDUCATION

### Western Michigan University

September 2009 - April 2013  
Bachelors of Music / Jazz Studies  
Graduated from the Lee Honors College  
3.80 cumulative GPA / Magna Cum Laude

### Portage Northern High School

1000 Idaho Ave, Portage, Michigan  
August 2004 - May 2009  
3.96 cumulative GPA

## Private Musical Instruction

Edward Simon, Piano (2012-2013)  
Jeremy Siskind, Piano (2012-2014)  
Dr. Stephen Zegree, Piano/Voice (2009-2012)  
Duane Shields Davis, Voice (2010-2011)  
Fred Hersch, Piano/Composition (2009-2011)  
Catherine Walker Adams, Piano (2008-2009)  
Rich Ridenour, Piano (2007-2008)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Private piano instructor – Beginning to Intermediate levels, 2009-2015  
Hired piano instructor – Crescendo Academy of Music, 2014-2015  
Group piano instructor – Gilmore Piano Labs, 2014-2015  
Group vocal instructor – Gagie Middle School, 2013  
Pianist / Instructor – Keith Hall Summer Drum Intensive, 2012-2015  
Vocal jazz instructor – Kalamazoo College, 2014-2015  
Music Director – Unity of Kalamazoo, 2015  
Assistant Director – Gold Company, Western Michigan University 2011  
Assistant Director – Gold Company II, Western Michigan University 2012-2013  
Director – Gold Company II, Western Michigan University 2013-2015  
Assistant Executive Director – Steve Zegree Vocal Jazz Camp, 2011-2013  
Founder / Director – Kalamazoo Jazz & Creative Institute, 2014  
Executive Director / Instructor – JAZZSTART, 2014-2015  
Associate Music Director – *Title of Show*, Farmers Alley Theatre 2014  
Associate Music Director – *The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical*, 2015

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### Conducting

Gold Company II, 2013-2015

### Piano/Keyboards

Gordon Van Gent Group, 2013  
WMU Advanced Jazz Combo, 2011-2013  
WMU Jazz Orchestra, 2010-2011  
Nich Mueller Trio, 2009-2015  
Tommy Proulx Group, 2011-2012  
The Messengers, 2010-2012  
Barn Theatre, 2011

### Tenor/Voice

Four Corners ([www.fourcornersjazz.com](http://www.fourcornersjazz.com)), 2009-2014  
Gold Company ([www.wmugoldcompany.com](http://www.wmugoldcompany.com)), 2010-2012  
Gold Company Sextet ([www.wmugoldcompany.com](http://www.wmugoldcompany.com)), 2011-2012  
MSVMA HS State Honors Choir, 2006-2009

### Acting/Theatre

Stephen Hoffman in *Old Wicked Songs*  
Farmers Alley Theatre, April 2014  
2014 Wilde Award for Best Drama

Michigan Interscholastic  
Forensics Association  
State Champion - 2006, 2008, 2009

National Forensics League  
National Qualifier, 2006-2009  
National Semifinalist, 2009

## (short) BIOGRAPHY

Pianist and vocalist Nich Mueller is a man of many talents. Since pursuing a professional career in the performing arts, he has received acclaim for composing, arranging, producing, conducting, educating, acting, graphic-design, and photography. Nich received a Bachelors of Music in Jazz Studies from Western Michigan University; during his formal education he studied under or interacted with great jazz musician and esteemed educators including Billy Hart, David Baker, Fred Hersch, Ed Simon, Darmon Meader, and Peter Eldridge, as well as the highly esteemed faculty at WMU. Throughout his career, he has been privileged enough to have performed alongside greats such as Donny McCaslin, Bob Mintzer, Kurt Elling, Roger Treece, Matt Hughes, and Phil Palombi; as well to have performed in venues and festivals such as Carnegie Hall, the Allen Room in Jazz at Lincoln Center, the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival, and Jazz Educators Network.



## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Creative endeavors and performance are becoming more important in a world with decreasing appreciation and funding for the arts. My purpose as a musician and performer is to help myself and others find their musical voice, while realizing a personal goal of enhancing culture and bringing ingenuity and art appreciation to the people.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES

Confident, natural leader in the classroom  
A spirited passion for knowledge  
Strong organizational skills and punctuality  
Quick and logical thinking

## PERSONAL QUALITIES

Positive and supportive attitude  
Strong determination and discipline  
Precise communicational skills

## AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Western Michigan University  
"Senior Jazz Studies Award", 2013  
Downbeat Magazine  
4 Student Music Awards, 2010-2014  
Portage Northern High School  
"Arion Award" for musical achievement, 2009  
Michigan Music Educators Association  
"Creative Achievement Award", 2008 & 2009

## SPECIAL SKILLS

Complete proficiency with Sibelius 7  
Basic proficiency with Adobe CS6  
In-depth understanding of music theory  
Experienced as a live music photographer  
4 years of experience in graphic design  
Video shooting and editing experience  
Web marketing and advertising experience