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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), 2009-2014
Gold Company (www.wmugoldcompany.com), 2010-2012
Gold Company Sextet (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