

Joe Duran

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Education

Master of Jazz Studies
Batchelor of Jazz Studies
Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (2009-2014)

Primary Teachers

Composition and Arranging: Kim Pensyl, Dr. Paul Brewer, Dominic Marino, Paul Piller
Saxophone: Rick VanMatre, Dr. James Bunte, Brent Gallaher
Audio Production: Kim Pensyl, Tom Haines, Bill Gwynne
Other Jazz Instruction: Phil DeGreg, Dr. Scott Belck, Marc Fields, John Von Ohlen
Masterclass Performances: Branford Marsalis, Rich Perry, Jim Snidero

Freelance Performance Experience

Lead Alto, Columbus Jazz Orchestra
Lead Alto, Blue Wisp Big Band
Saxophonist, Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra
Lead Alto, CCM Jazz Ensemble
Baritone Saxophonist, The Cincy Brass
Saxophonist, The Cincinnati Jazz Messengers
Saxophonist, The Ed Moss Society Jazz Orchestra
Additional Performance Experience

Psychoacoustic Orchestra	Frankie Avalon
Frank Sinatra Jr.	Lou Christie
Blue Wisp Big Band	Animal Mother
Randy Linville Big Band	Silo's Choice
Powerhouse	The Pinstripes
Redline	The Makeshifts
Tropicoso	The Tuna Project
Swing Time	Jeannine Groh
Jack Garrett	Us, Today
AP7	The Joneses
Static Vessels	Kuya
El Ritmo Del Manana	

Special Performances

Composer, The Original Farm League Big Band
2018 Composer Concert
Cincinnati, OH

Composer, Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra

2014 Composer Concert The Music of Joe Duran
Cincinnati, OH

Baritone Saxophone, Featured Soloist, Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra

2013 Guest Artist Series The Music of Pepper Adams
Cincinnati, OH Tony Faulkner, guest arranger

Alto Saxophonist, Featured Soloist, CCM Jazz Spoleto Ensemble

Spoleto Jazz Festival, 2011
Spoleto, Italy

Composition / Arranging Experience

American Composers Orchestra Jazz Composers Orchestra Institute, 2015

Composer, North American Saxophone Alliance

Motions for Saxophone Quartet, commissioned by the New Third Stream Quartet

CCM Summer Film Scoring Institute, 2014

Film Composer

Closer
The Barberless Barber
Athens Film Festival Trailer

Composer-In-Residence, Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, 2012-present

Blues Walk, Carmine Caruso International Trumpet Competition Opening Gala
Jingle Jazz
Composers' Concert

Student Arranger, CCM Jazz Ensemble 2011-2015

CCM Does Bond
Garaj Mahal
Holiday Jazz
The Music of Count Basie
Cubano Be, Cubano Bop
The Music of Fred Hersch
The Music of Duke Ellington

Musical Director, Arranger, Sycamore High School Theater Department

Metamorphoses
Godspell
Pippin

A Capella Arranger, SWEET, Cincinnati, OH

Parachute
Skyfall

Worship Music Arranger, Good Shepherd Parish, Cincinnati, OH

Strong Tower
Redeemer

Musical Director, Joe Duran Nonet 2012-present

Musical Director, Indoor Kid Ensemble 2013-present

Staff Arranger, The Cincy Brass, 2011-present

Teaching Experience

Graduate Assistant, College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati

Responsibilities included:

- Manager, Corbett Recording Studio
- Recording Engineer, Corbett Recording Studio
- Teaching Assistant, Jazz Improvisation course
- Graduate Director, CCM Jazz Lab Band
- Graduate Director, CCM Jazz Ensemble
- Supervisor, Stage Setup and Sound Reinforcement
- Supervisor, CCM Jazz Studies event calendar

Guest Artist, Loveland High School 2013

Saxophone Instructor, Lakota East High School 2012

Responsibilities included:

- Director, saxophone music rehearsals
- Assistant Marching Instructor

Worship Music Instructor, Good Shepherd Parish, 2008

Responsibilities included:

- Director, songwriting workshops
- Recording Engineer, student recordings

Private Saxophone Instructor, Joe Duran Productions, 2012-present

Responsibilities included:

Instructor, saxophone lessons with curriculum emphasizing music theory, improvisation, technique, and jazz styles.

Recordings

Alto Saxophonist, Arranger, Composer, Joe Duran Octet
ESS Sessions, Released 2024

Alto Saxophonist, Arranger, Engineer, Producer, Silo's Choice

at least we have our health, released 2014

Alto Saxophonist, Composer, Arranger, Producer, Indoor Kid Ensemble

Live at Cohen, released 2013

Baritone Saxophonist, Composer, Arranger, Producer, Joe Duran Nonet

Midwest Daydream, released 2013

Baritone Saxophonist, Van Dells Horn Section

Jump Jive an' Wail, released 2012

Baritone Saxophonist, Shadowraptr

love a good mystery, released 2012

Additional Engineering Experience:

Midpoint EP, FWD

Can't Say I Am, The Woods

Long Since Forgotten, Us Today

Downbeat, Kim Pensyl Combo

The Youth Will Rule, Animal Mother

CCM Does Bond, CCM Jazz Ensemble

Garaj Mahal, CCM Jazz Ensemble

Lovely Morning EP, Static Vessels

Lampshade Sessions, The Media

Honors

Scholarship Winner, 2014

CCM Summer Film Scoring Institute

Around Cincinnati Feature Interview

WVXU 91.7 FM

Graduate Assistantship, 2013-2014

Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Jazz Honors Scholarship, 2009-2013

Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music

Fine Arts Award for Jazz, 2008

Interlochen Arts Academy