Alyssa Ham

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Education

M.M. Collaborative Piano

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. 2019

B.A. Music Performance

Jazz Piano Performance, Minor in Classical Piano. University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. 2016

High School Diploma

Norman High School. Norman, OK. 2011

Work Experience

Adjunct Vocal Coach and Accompanist

Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, TX. August 2019-

- Accompany weekly individual lessons for undergraduate vocal performance and musical theatre majors.
- Prepare students for end of semester recital.
- Assist vocal students with Italian, German, and French diction.

Adjunct Jazz Piano Instructor

Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, TX. January 2020-May 2022

- Conduct weekly private lessons that focus on piano playing in the jazz style.
- Teaching of jazz theory, harmony, and improvisation through jazz standards and jazz band repertoire.
- Prepare students for performances, including juries and recitals.

Adjunct Piano Instructor

Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, TX. August 2020-

- Conduct weekly private lessons that focus on developing technical skills and learning repertoire.

- Prepare piano proficiency students to complete the Midwestern State University Piano Proficiency Exam requirements.

Pianist for Singing for the Actor

Midwestern State University. Wichita Falls, TX. August 2022-

Pianist for Godspell

Midwestern State University. April 2025

Choir Pianist

Rider High School. Wichita Falls, TX. August 2020-

- Accompany choir rehearsals in preparation of concerts and contests.
- Record piano accompaniments for choir practice using PreSonus digital recording software.

Choir Pianist

Barwise Middle School. Wichita Falls, TX. January 2020-

- Accompany choir rehearsals in preparation for concerts and contests
- Accompany students for solo and ensemble contest and conduct individual rehearsals to prepare for contest performance.

Church Pianist and Choir Accompanist

New Hope Presbyterian Church. Wichita Falls, TX. January 2020=

- Accompany weekly choir rehearsals.
- Provide music for weekly Sunday services, including hymns and service music for the prelude, offertory, and postlude.

Assistant Contest Manager for OSSAA High School Jazz Band Contest

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. April 2017-2019. April 2021. April 2023.

- Check in high school jazz band groups for contest.
- Assist high school jazz band directors with contest details, room locations, and other necessary information.
- Accurately tally judges scores using Microsoft Excel spread sheets.

Solo Pianist

Skirvin Hilton Hotel. Oklahoma City, OK. December 2017-March 2020

- Provided music for the Red Piano Lounge at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel.
- Performed repertoire in varying styles, including jazz, contemporary, classical, and popular music styles.

Collaborative Piano Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. August 2018-May 2020

- Accompanied both vocal and instrumental music students for performances, including recitals, juries, and outreach performances.
- Assisted vocal students with Italian, German, and French diction.
- Accompanied weekly rehearsals and concerts for the UCO Vocal Jazz Choir.

Vocal Jazz Choir Rehearsal Accompanist

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. 2013-2019

Arranger for Vocal Jazz Choir Soloists

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. 2014-2019

- Notated and arranged student vocal jazz solos for UCO Vocal Jazz Choir concerts using Finale notation software.

Church Pianist

Westminster Presbyterian North Campus. Oklahoma City, OK. March 2019-August 2019

Church Pianist

Acts 2 United Methodist Church. Edmond, OK. 2016-2018

- Performed contemporary church music with the Acts 2 music worship team

Assistant Musical Director and Rehearsal Accompanist for *Meet me in St. Louis*.

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. October-November 2016

- Accompanied weekly rehearsals with the cast in preparation for the performances.
- Conducted musical rehearsals when conductor was absent.
- Performed in the pit orchestra for all shows.

Private Piano Instructor

2016-

- Conduct weekly private lessons with students aged 5 to 18 years old.
- Assist students in developing basic piano skills through routine technical exercises, ear training, and learning of repertoire.
- Teach soft skills through music that can benefit students in other aspects of life, including hand to eye coordination, organization, and personal accountability.
- Organizing student piano recitals.

Performance Experience

Pianist for Rider High School Choir

Wichita Falls, TX. 2021-2024

Pianist for Memorial High School Choir Wichita Falls, TX. 2024-

Pianist for UIL Choir Contest

Rider High School. Wichita Falls, TX. 2021-2024 Barwise Middle School. Wichita Falls, TX. 2021-Memorial High School. Wichita Falls, TX. 2025 Legacy High School. Wichita Falls, TX. 2025

Pianist for Barwise Middle School

Wichita Falls, TX. 2021-2023

Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Accompanist

Hirschi High School. Wichita Falls, TX. January 2020-

- Conduct weekly rehearsals with students in preparation for solo and ensemble contest.
- Assist students with their learning music, while developing musicality through dynamics and shaping of melodic phrases, and collaborating with a pianist.

Pianist for The Hattons

Wichita Falls, TX. February 2021-

- Compose original music in the country music style.
- Attend and conduct weekly rehearsals in preparation for music festivals and performances.
- Record music (both audio and video) for social media.

Edmond Jazz Orchestra Pianist

Edmond, OK. 2013-2018

OKC Jazz Orchestra Pianist

Oklahoma City, OK. 2017-2020

Jazz Pianist for Oklahoma Municipal League Conference

Oklahoma City, OK. 2017-

Pianist for "The Satin Dollz"

Enid Symphony Orchestra. Enid, OK. November 5-8, 2019

Pianist for Enid Symphony Orchestra

Fourth of July Celebration. Enid, OK. July 4, 2020

Pianist for UCO Jazz Ensemble 1

University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. 2011-2017

- Prepared jazz band piano repertoire for weekly rehearsals and performances.
- Performed with guest artists, such as Kenny Garrett, Donny McCaslin, Delfeayo Marsalis, Marvin Stamm, and Bob Mintzer

- Performed with UCO Jazz Ensemble I at the Midwest Clinic conference in Chicago, IL (2016), the JEN conferences in Louisville, KY (2012) and Atlanta, GA (2013), and the Greely Colorado Jazz Festival (2013-2015)

Edmond String Festival Accompanist Sequoyah Middle School. Edmond, OK. April 2019

Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Accompanist Edmond Public Schools. Edmond, OK. 2015-2019

Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Accompanist Capps Middle School. Warr Acres, OK. 2016-2019

Accompanist for Jenny Rucker Clarinet Studio Concert Edmond, OK. 2016-2018

Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. April 2019

College of Fine Arts and Design Ambassador University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. April 2018

College of Fine Arts and Design Endowed Scholarship University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. August 2018

Lee Rucker and Kent Kidwell Endowed Jazz Scholarship University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. April 2014

Outstanding Soloist Greeley Jazz Festival. Greely, CO. 2013-2015, 2022.

References

Dr. Sallie Pollack, spollack@uco.edu Collaborative Piano and Piano Division Head University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. Mrs. Judy Diltz, judydiltz@me.com Retired Instructor of Voice Midwestern State University Wichita Falls, TX.