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EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE

I am an intensely motivated music instructor, with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, who is fully prepared to provide students with an exciting and positive learning environment. I am eager to bring enjoyment and a measure of musical understanding to my students' lives in the hope that they will leave my classroom with a joy and love for music.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

1. Communicates effectively with students, colleagues, parents, and other members of the public.
2. Displays a high level of energy in the classroom.
3. Provides students with the respect they deserve.
4. Expressive and communicative in gesture as a conductor.
5. Constantly open to new ideas that will actively engage students in the lesson.

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma
1000 Asp Avenue
Norman, OK 73019
Bachelors' Degree in Music Education (trumpet) – Graduated May 2003
G.P.A. (overall): 3.07
Licensed Teacher in the State of Oklahoma. (Internship year not completed.)

Transferred from:

Wright State University
3640 Col. Glenn Hwy.
Dayton, OH 45435-0001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 2003 – Present

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY (Springfield, OH)

CMD Trumpet Instructor

Taught trumpet students privately via the University's Center for Musical Development (community music division) with students ranging from 6th graders to high-school-age children and a few adults.

August 2003 – Present

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL (Springfield, OH), ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Music Director

Worked to rebuild a nearly extinct music program and increase the overall level of music education in the school system. Began with seven students in the high school band and four in the high school choir. Was able to install a pep band that played at all home football games and most home basketball games.

January 2003 – May 2003

EDMOND (Oklahoma) SCHOOL DISTRICT (Memorial High School, Cimarron Middle School)

Student Teacher: Mrs. Lynn Ann Feroli, cooperating teacher

Worked daily with groups of students ranging from bands to small ensembles in preparation for state contest. Successfully conducted groups during morning rehearsals. Successfully coached two small ensembles that attended district and later, state contest. Designed and taught lessons for group instrumental classes in

trumpet and percussion. Prepared one work with each high school band, including the jazz ensemble, and successfully conducted each group on their respective concerts.

January 2002 – May 2002

YUKON (Oklahoma) SCHOOL DISTRICT (Yukon High School)

Student Observer: Mr. Charles Bartrug, cooperating teacher

Had the opportunity to work on numerous occasions with the trumpet section of the band, and to do spot-check work during full band rehearsal. Accompanied the band to state contest as an aide.

September 2000 – December 2000

NOBLE (Oklahoma) SCHOOL DISTRICT (Pioneer Middle School)

Student Observer: Ms. Mary Jo Sharp, cooperating teacher

Worked initially with the percussion section, assisting Ms. Sharp with her lesson plans. Was later given responsibility over the trumpet section and taught group trumpet lessons.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

June 2002 – August 2002

CUSTOM MARCHING, INC.

Music Copyist

Prepared scores and parts for marching bands around the state of Oklahoma, based on music arranged in advance using the program *Encore*. Completed 14 arrangements during the term of employment.

March 2002 – December 2002

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BANDS

Volunteer Work

Volunteered assistance in reorganization of band library along with design and implementation of checkout and return policies for the library to prevent works from not being returned or coming back incomplete. First set of policies implemented during term of employment.

June 1993 – August 1993

CARING KITCHEN, URBANA, OHIO

Volunteer Tutor

Assisted homeless shelter staff in tutoring underprivileged/homeless children who were struggling with their studies in school at grade levels K-8.

AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, HONORS, and ACTIVITIES

JUNE 1997

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence (U.S. Marines)

MAY 2000 – MAY 2003

Active member, Kappa Kappa Psi Honorary Band Fraternity

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

February 2004 – Present: Ohio Music Educators Association, Music Educators' National Conference

September 1997-98, August 2000-May 2003: Collegiate Music Educators' National Conference

REFERENCES

Brian A. Britt

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Lynn Ann Feroli

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