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Organized. Adaptive. Inclusive. Enthusiastic and Encouraging Educator.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023–PRESENT

INSTRUCTOR, FUTURE SOLDIERS PREPARATORY COURSE: FT. JACKSON

Teaching individuals who intend to enlist in the Army but who cannot achieve a passing score of 31 of 99 on the ASVAB, which measures high school competency in math and reading skills. I teach all skills taught on the ASVAB through curriculum developed by FSFC in conjunction with Army protocols. The program totals 11 days before trainees retake the exam. Average Passing Rate: 80%

2019–2023

ENGLISH AND FINE ARTS TEACHER, LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF INDIANAPOLIS

Taught English 9, English 10, Chamber Choir, and Piano; personally developed new curriculum for E9 and E10 in line with college-prep and state standards utilizing diverse authors and texts, varied teaching methods, and cross-curricular programs; implemented schoolwide “Resource” time to aid in addressing student-teacher needs; collaborated in consolidating learning platforms/programs for school to cut costs and create unilateral standards for e-Learning; created educational materials, lectures, and presentations using Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; Teacher of the Year 21-22

2017, 2020–2022

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ADJUNCT FACULTY, ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

Served as Music Director and Pianist to visiting Broadway composers/casting agents; produced studio recordings for projects and videos, including a brand-new musical podcast, *The Show Must Go On*, created during COVID-19 shutdowns; primary pianist for Music Theatre dept; co-instructor for Musical Theatre Styles I, MT Styles II, and Senior Showcase, the capstone performance course required for BA and BM degrees; provided vocal coaching to seniors auditioning for professional orgs; accompanist for lessons/recitals; awarded Adjunct Faculty position 2021-2022

2016–2018

ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR, ACTOR’S THEATRE OF INDIANA

Served as Music Director for AEA-recognized, professional regional theatre productions of *Cabaret*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, *A Grand Night for Singing*; managed hiring and budget of musicians/rentals; Asst. Music Director for *A Year with Frog and Toad*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*; other jobs include: Rehearsal Pianist, Vocal Director, Arranger, Production Assistant

2016–2020

CAMP DIRECTOR/PROGRAMS COORDINATOR, CHRISTIAN YOUTH THEATRE

Created a new Summer Camp Program after first year of employment that became the largest revenue stream for the CYT Indy branch; coordinated six camps each year of over 350 campers aged 4-18; oversaw 10 staff members, implemented training, and led weekly meetings; managed budget; as Area Programs Coordinator, organized workshops, classes, and teachers for weekly classes
Organization is now called “The Point Theatre”

HIGHER EDUCATION

SPRING 2018-SPRING 2021

BACHELOR'S OF EXTENSION STUDIES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HUMANITIES

Graduated Cum Laude; Worked full-time schedule throughout coursework

AWARDS AND INVOLVEMENTS

Southside Times Educator of the Month, Awarded July 2022

From the cited article below: "After just three years of teaching, a fellow faculty member describes Mr. Burke as 'creative, inspiring students to think and dream outside of their predisposed mindsets'."

"A parent commented, 'Mr. Burke is a trusted and outstanding teacher – he has repeatedly shown care and concern for my child'."

<https://ss-times.com/the-southside-times-july-28-aug-3-2022/>

District Teacher of the Year, Awarded 2021-2022 School Year

Levi was awarded Teacher of the Year in his third year teaching high school while maintaining a presence in the community and teaching at other institutions. A note from the principal, Mr. Michael Brandt:

"Students appreciate Mr. Burke for his high expectations, encouraging attitude, and the opportunities he takes to insert life lessons like that of failure and grace."

English SAT Professional Learning Community

Levi aided in planning and implementation of strategic SMART goals for the English department at LHS with the express purpose of improving English Reading/Writing (ERW) mean scores for all grades; Mr. Burke's English 9 and 10 classes saw the largest improvement at the high school during his time in charge of the curriculum. Mean ERW scores improved by an average of 36 raw points for Levi's English students, compared to 15 raw points of improvement before taking over the English 9 and 10 curricula.

"Best Music Direction" and "Best Vocal Direction", Awarded 2014-2015 Season

Levi won two Encore Association awards for "Best Music Direction" and "Best Vocal Direction" for CCP's 2015 production of *Next to Normal*, being nominated for Best Music Direction for Footlite Musical's production of *Gypsy* in the same year. The Encore Association judges productions from, at the time, 13 Indianapolis theatres and their productions. *Next to Normal* was also awarded "Best Musical" and several other awards.

Academic Super Bowl Coach: English 2019-2023

2020 State Qualifying Team; Team Captain placed Top 10 (COVID-19 accommodated competition)

2021 State Qualifying Team; 6th Place in 2021 State Championships

2022 State Qualifying Team; 3rd Place in 2022 State Championships

2023 State Qualifying Team; 1st Place in 2023 State Championships

Academic Super Bowl Coach: Interdisciplinary Team 2019-2023

2021 State Qualifying Team; 1st Place in State Championships

2023 State Qualifying Team; 3rd Place in 2023 State Championships

Top 10 Academic Team in Indiana Award: 2020-2023

Saints on Stage Music Director 2019-2023

Academic Super Bowl Co-Coach: Fine Arts 2019-2023

Faculty Advisor for LHS Chess Club 2020-2022

Faculty Advisor for the Student-Run Newspaper: *The Saint Bernard's Bark*

MUSICAL THEATRE INVOLVEMENTS

Production Staff Experience

My Fair Lady	MD/Pianist	Lutheran HS
Senior Showcase 2023	MD/Pianist	Anderson University
High School Musical	Music/Vocal Director	Lutheran HS
Find Your Voice: The Music of Georgia Stitt	MD/Pianist/Producer	Anderson University
Senior Showcase 2022	MD/Pianist/Producer	Anderson University
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	MD/Pianist	Lutheran HS
The Show Must Go On: A Musical Mystery at Sea	Music Director/Producer	Anderson University
Showbiz and Fairy Tales: The Music of Heisler & Goldrich	MD/Pianist	Anderson University
Love Has Strings: The Music of Heisler & Goldrich	MD/Pianist	Anderson University
Seussical the Musical	Music/Vocal Director	Lutheran HS
I Hate Shakespeare	Director	CYT Indy
Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.	Music/Vocal Director	CYT/Indy Fringe Fest
Into the Woods	MD/Pianist	Lutheran HS
49 th Encore Awards Show	MD/Pianist	Encore Association
The Marvelous Wonderettes	MD/Pianist	Anderson University
The Bridges of Madison County	MD/Conductor	Footlite Musicals
A Grand Night for Singing	MD/Pianist	Actor's Theatre of Indiana
48 th Encore Awards Show	MD/Pianist	Encore Association
La Cage Aux Folles	MD/Pianist	Actor's Theatre of Indiana
The Little Mermaid	Music/Vocal Director	The Apprentice Players
13: The Musical	MD/Pianist	CCP Rising Stars Productions
A Christmas Survival Guide	MD/Pianist/Arranger	Theatre on the Square
Cabaret	MD/Pianist	Actor's Theatre of Indiana
47 th Encore Awards Show	MD/Pianist	Encore Association
Next to Normal	MD/Pianist	CC Players
Gypsy	MD/Conductor	Footlite Musicals
Passion	MD/Pianist	Theatre on the Square
Urinetown	MD/Pianist	Southport HS
13: The Musical	MD/Pianist	Guerin Catholic HS
Legally Blonde Jr.	Music Director	Christian Youth Theatre
The Muppet Show	MD/Pianist	Angel Burlesque

Pit Orchestra Experience

Sister Act	Synthesizer Substitute	Footlite Musicals
The Mystery of Edwin Drood	Keys II/Synth Tech	Actor's Theatre of Indiana
Little Shop of Horrors	Substitute Pianist	Footlite Musicals
A Year with Frog and Toad	Keys II/Synth Tech	Actor's Theatre of Indiana
Honk	Pianist	Lutheran HS
Sondheim on Sondheim	Pianist	Footlite Musicals

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum	Rehearsal Pianist	Mud Creek Players
The Rocky Horror Picture Show	Sub. Pianist/Conductor	Zach and Zack Productions
Nice Work if You Can Get It	Keyboard I/ Soloist	Footlite Musicals
Urinetown	Pianist/Asst. MD	Footlite Musicals
Girl's Night Out	Pianist/ Vocalist	Nickel Plate Players
Club Morocco	Pianist/ Vocalist	Ashton Wolf Productions
Godspell	Pianist/ Asst. MD	The Apprentice Players
All Shook Up	Pianist	Center Grove HS
La Cage Aux Folles	Pianist	Footlite Musicals
Clue: The Musical	Pianist	Perry Youth Theatre

Miscellaneous Music Experience

ISSMA Competition Accompaniment	Pianist	2012-2022
Avon HS Show Choirs	Asst. MD/Pianist	2016-2018
CC Player's Cabaret Series	Music Director	2013-2015

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Audition Accompanist

Levi has been a regularly tapped musician for audition playing, owing to his excellent sight-reading skills. He has accompanied auditions for the following theatre programs: Charleston Stage Company, Actor's Theatre of Indiana, The Phoenix Theatre, Theatre on the Square, Zach and Zack Productions, Anderson University, Footlite Musicals, Carmel Community Players, Nickel Plate Players, The Belfry, CYT Indy, Lutheran HS, Center Grove HS, and Southport HS.

Synthesizer Programmer

Levi has programmed synths for professional productions and recording sessions. For this, there is usually a juggling of tasks going on in playing the live accompaniment, switching between patches, fine-tuning for sound quality, and even moving to different keyboards while changing patches.

Performance Track Producer

Levi has a studio setup in his home that is capable of producing accompaniment tracks for studio sessions, live performance, or educational purposes. During COVID-19 restrictions, this became the go-to way of performing at Anderson University, Lutheran High School, and his vocal studio. These tracks can range from solo piano to four-piece band to full orchestrations. He often arranges the music himself for these endeavors.