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# CHRISTIAN T. RYAN

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## EDUCATION

### **Berklee College of Music, Boston MA** – *Jazz Composition* (Incomplete)

September 2013 – December 2013

Entering scholarship recipient & Dean's List student for one semester of attendance. Studied with Fred Lipsius (Blood, Sweat & Tears).

### **Valencia College, Orlando FL** – *Music Performance A.A.*

August 2010 – May 2013

Performed in the jazz and concert band as lead alto saxophonist for two years. Studied with Tom Dietz (University of North Florida), Chris Dolske (University of North Texas), Michael Davis (Former Disney Music Director) & Dr. Troy Gifford (University of Miami). Attended as Bright Futures Scholar.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Freelance Musician** – *Professional Saxophonist & Flutist*

June 2010 – PRESENT

- Part-time through college, and full-time for 5 years
- Over 1000+ gigs performing across the state of Florida, U.S. & internationally in working and/or original projects; covering jazz, rock, pop, soul, reggae, R&B, hip-hop, world, big band, classical, and corporate settings.
- Shared stage with: Victor Wooten (Bela Fleck), Charles Neville (Neville Brothers), Cory Henry (Snarky Puppy), Shaun Martin (Snarky Puppy), Roosevelt Collier (Bokante), Anthony Cole (Sam Rivers, Doyle Bramhall II), Candice Glover (American Idol Winner) etc.
- Notable Performances:
  - East coast U.S. radio tour with Cat Ridgeway (2021)
  - State wide tours with New Orleans funk group, In Business & San Diego Reggae group One Drop (2019)
  - Xi'an, China with Festival Singers of Florida as Guest Soloist (2017)
  - Southeast U.S. Tour with Leisure Chief (2017)
  - Mid-west U.S. Tour with Holey Miss Moley (2017)
  - Eastern coastal U.S. Tour with Control This (2017)
  - Featured Artist "At Large" at state festivals: Hometeam New Years Rally (2016), Orange Blossom Jamboree (2015), Great Outdoors Jam (2015), Little Econ Festival (2014), & Jambando (2014)

- Caribbean Tour with Savi Fernandez Band in U.S. Virgin Islands (2013)
- Lead alto saxophone for Inertia: The Musical at Orlando Fringe Festival (2012)
- Has organized/lead tributes to Prince, Frank Zappa, Earth Wind & Fire, Parliament-Funkadelic, A Tribe Called Quest, & Rick James; conducting rehearsal, making arrangements, and selecting members of ensemble.
- Recording session work on dozens of FL artists including: Thomas Wynn & The Believers, Roadkill Ghost Choir, Niko IS, Cat Ridgeway, Evan Taylor Jones, Kevin Maines, Leisure Chief, Control This, Ancient Sun, Holey Miss Moley, Eugene Snowden, etc. [Spotify Playlist](#) featuring recordings & arrangements.

### **Private Instructor** – *Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet, Recorder, etc.*

June 2012 – PRESENT

- Teaching beginner to advanced level students on saxophone, flute and clarinet in classical, jazz, and contemporary styles and fundamentals. Has had students make all-state & all-county level ensembles and won various solo competitions and scholarships.

### **Busch Gardens, Tampa FL** – *Mardi Gras Band, Tenor Saxophone*

January 2019 – February 2021

- Seasonal position the past two years working for Busch Gardens Mardi Gras a part of the street band between the Mardi Gras season from January to March. 20 minute show of traditional New Orleans music with marching choreography performed every hour – 4-5 shows a night. Attended weekly rehearsals leading up to the show season from January through the 1st week of the new year.

### **Busch Gardens, Tampa FL** – *Holiday Hills Band, Tenor Saxophone*

October 2017 – January 2019

- Seasonal position the past two years working for Busch Gardens Christmas Town Production a part of the Holiday Hills Brass Band. 20 minute show of jazzy Christmas music with marching choreography performed every hour – 4-5 shows a night. Attended weekly rehearsals leading up to the show season from Thanksgiving through the 1st week of the new year.

### **Cannon Funeral Home, Lakeland FL** – *Recessional Musician*

June 2019 – Present

- Providing uplifting music at the conclusion of local funeral services per request of families involved, usually involving hymnal or gospel selections

### **Beats & Tunes School of Music, Longwood FL** – *Woodwinds Instructor*

February 2017 – June 2018

- Teaching elementary to high school level students on saxophone, flute and clarinet in classical, jazz, and contemporary styles and fundamentals. Bi-annual recitals performed by students.

## **Valencia College, Orlando FL – Music Tutor**

August 2012 – June 2013

- Sole music tutor covering all levels of music theory, ear training, sight singing and class piano for 3 semesters after completing the music portion of my degree and finishing general education requirements.
- Hired per recommendation from the Dean of Music at Valencia.

## **ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE (NOT FOR HIRE)**

### **Rollins College, Winter Park FL – Volunteer DJ/Radio Show Host**

September 2016 – June 2017

- Conducting a two-hour radio segment on 91.5FM WPRK & wprk.org
- In-studio & over-the-air interviews, live performances, music program selection, and ran control booth of studio A & B
- Covered Suwannee Hulaween (2016) as press interviewer for WPRK
- Notable Interviews: Karl Denson (Rolling Stones), Chris Bullock (Snarky Puppy), & Martin Perna (Antibalas)

### **Red Lion Pub, Winter Park FL – Venue Manager/Event Coordinator**

October 2014 – September 2016

- Planned, booked and contracted entertainment for my family's former business and small music venue (200 Capacity).
- Worked with national, regional and local music/artistic/comedy/ acts providing live entertainment for 3-7 nights a week.