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Education

William H. High School	West Hartford, Connecticut (2021 – 2025)
Manhattan School of Music	New York, New York (2025 - present)
<i>Pursuing a BM in Jazz Studies/Jazz Saxophone Performance</i>	

Work Experience

Music Together of West Hartford and Farmington Valley, LLC	Hybrid (May 2026 - Present)
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Social Media Manager

- Filmed, edited, and produced promotional short-form video content for business' social media platforms.
- Curated engaging social media posts to strengthen brand's presence and connect with local community of prospective customers.
- Collaborated with business owner and fellow employees to plan content and develop online presence.

Harmony 4 All, 501(c)3 non-profit

New York, New York
(January 2026 - May 2026)

Facilitating Intern

- Helped to facilitate work of volunteers for music-related non-profit organization.
- Worked on culminating project presentation shown to the mayor in May 2026.
- Performed tenor saxophone on community concerts and local tabling events.

Charles Mingus Festival & High School Competition

New York, New York
(February 2026)

- Ambassador
- Assisted festival staff in facilitating the festivals full day of performances
- Helped with selling the organizations merchandise

Self-Employed

Hybrid
(2021 - present)

Private Saxophone and Clarinet Teacher

- Worked with students on a weekly or bi-weekly to develop fundamental skills necessary to excel on the saxophone or clarinet.
- Assisted students in preparation for auditions, performances, or to create achievable and fruitful goals.

West Hartford 'Summer Jazz Jam'

West Hartford, Connecticut
(2021 - 2024)

Assistant and Instructor

- Assisted middle school teachers in running a summer program designed to prepare middle school students interested in pursuing jazz for high school.
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Musical Training & Ensemble Experience

New York Youth Symphony Jazz Band

New York, New York
(2025 - 2026)

Lead tenor saxophonist

- Current lead tenor saxophonist for the NYYS Jazz Band performing in New York City at venues including Shapeshifter Lab and Dizzy's Jazz Club with guest artist Stefon Harris and Miguel Zenon.

NYO Jazz

New York, New York
(2025)

Carnegie Hall, 2nd tenor saxophonist

- Selected through a rigorous national audition process.
- Spent two weeks in residence at SUNY Purchase rehearsing with faculty members including Sean Jones, Reggie Thomas, Erica Von Kleist, Marshall Gilkes, Allison Miller, Luques Curtis, and Tanya Darby.
- Performed at Carnegie Hall and headlined at performances across Brazil and the Dominican Republic along with guest vocalist Luciana Souza.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra

New York, New York
(2023 - 2025)

JLCYO, Lead tenor saxophonist

- Lead tenor saxophonist for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra, as well as member of their most prestigious combos
 - Charlie Parker Combo (2024-2025), Mary Lou Williams Combo (2023-2024)
- Participated in tour to London where both the combo and big band performed at the Barbican Centre.

Next Generation Jazz Orchestra

Monterey, California
(2023)

NGJO, 2nd tenor saxophonist

- Met virtually twice in June ahead of program's start in September 2023.
- Rehearsed for one week under the direction of pianist Gerald Clayton before performing on the main stage at the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Summer Jazz Academy

Red Hook, New York
(2023)

SJA, Lead tenor saxophonist

- Spent 2 weeks engaging in masterclasses, lessons, and ensemble rehearsals with faculty members including Rodney Whitaker, Ted Nash, Michael Dease, Alexa Tarantino, and Tim Warfield.
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Leadership & Projects

Hall High Concert Jazz Band

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West Hartford, Connecticut
(2021 - 2025)

President, Lead tenor saxophonist

- Served as the ensemble's lead tenor saxophonist for 4 years and helped lead the band to be finalists at festivals such as Jazz at Lincoln Center's 'Essentially Ellington' and the Charles Mingus Competition where the band placed 1st.
- Assisted in choosing repertoire, conducting rehearsals, and managing the band's social media accounts.

Chloe Madrak Quartet

Hartford, Connecticut
(2022 – Present)

Bandleader, composer, arranger

- Opened the Hartford Public Library's 'Baby Grand Jazz Series' in January 2025.
- Led band to popular venues in New York City, most recently Nublu 151.

Awards and Distinctions

YoungArts National Competition Winner

Miami, Florida
(Awarded 2024 & 2025)

Jazz/Tenor Saxophone

- Recognized by YoungArts' National Competition in the jazz tenor saxophone category
- Given \$250 stipend in recognition of outstanding musicianship
- Participated in Youngarts Lab NYC.

Haig Shahverdian Award and Scholarship

West Hartford, Connecticut
(Awarded 2025)

Recipient, Awarded by Haig Shahverdian

- Recognized for dedication to the performing arts in the West Hartford public school system and outstanding performance in Hall High School's annual "Pops 'n Jazz" show.

AP Scholar Award

New York, New York
(Awarded 2024)

Recipient, Awarded by College Board

- Recognizes exemplary college-level achievement, for scoring 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Outstanding Clarinet Soloist

New York, New York
(Awarded 2023)

Essentially Ellington

- Performed at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Rose Hall and was recognized by a panel of judges including Wynton Marsalis at the Essentially Ellington national competition for outstanding performance.

Outstanding Woodwind Doubler

New York, New York
(Awarded 2023)

Essentially Ellington Competition

- Performed at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Rose Hall and was recognized by a panel of judges including Wynton Marsalis at the Essentially Ellington national competition for outstanding performance on both saxophone and clarinet.

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Outstanding Tenor Saxophone Soloist

New York, New York
(Awarded 2025)

Essentially Ellington Competition

- Performed at Jazz at Lincoln Center's Rose Hall and was recognized by a panel of judges including Wynton Marsalis at the Essentially Ellington national competition for outstanding performance.

Outstanding Soloist Award

New York, New York
(Awarded 2024 and 2025)

Charles Mingus Competition

- Performed at The New School for a panel of judges comprised of members of the Mingus Big Band and recognized for outstanding performance as a soloist.
- Awarded the opportunity to sit in with the Mingus Big Band at their weekly performances at Drom and Joe's Pub.

Volunteer Work

Annual Jazz for a Cause Fundraiser & Concert

New Britain, Connecticut
(2021 - 2025)

Coordinator

- Selected and collaborated with charities that the concert's donations would be given to (Ex. Juvenile Diabetes Fund, Hands on Hartford, Friends of Feeney.)
- Worked with local news sources to promote the event and to highlight the important work being done by the selected charity.
- Performed in the concert at Trinity-on-Main in New Britain.

Jazz Improvisation Class

West Hartford, Connecticut
(2023 - 2025)

Coordinator and Primary Instructor

- Conducted weekly a weekly class for middle school students which was intended to help them develop skills fundamental to jazz improvisation.
- Worked side-by-side middle and high school teachers to create a curriculum that would best achieve the desired outcome for students of the class.
- Coordinated bringing in other instructors and scheduling of the class.

Skills & Interests

Technical: Canva (Proficient), Google Workspace (Advanced), Microsoft Suite (Proficient), Wix Studio (Proficient), Adobe Photoshop (Proficient), PowerPoint (Proficient), CapCut (Advanced)

Language: English (first-language), Mandarin Chinese (Basic - Intermediate)

Interests: Charcoal drawing & wire sculpture, secondhand fashion