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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2004-2006** Masters of Arts (M.A.)
New York University (Steinhardt School of Education) New York, NY
- 1995-1997** Bachelor of Music (B.F.A.)
The New School for Social Research/Jazz & Contemporary Music,
New York, NY
- 1992-1993** Studies for BA Jazz Studies
Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1989-1992** Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

- Instructor- New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC-Young Artist Institute 2011- 2015
- Adjunct Professor – NYU (Steinhardt School of Education), 2004-2006 New York, NY
- Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, 2002-2004 – Woodwinds and Theory
- Instructor – Jazz Reach Program – United States, 2002 to Present
- Proficient in *Sibelius* Software (for notation); *Logicpro* Software (for film scoring)

ENDORSERS

- Yamaha Saxophone Artist
- D'Addario Reed Artist
- Jody Jazz Saxophone Mouthpiece Artist

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

ASCAP Member Since 2001

1991 – Outstanding Musician and Soloist Awards, 21st Annual Wichita Jazz Fest
Presented by International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE)

1991 – International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE) Outstanding
Musicianship and Soloist Award, Clark Terry Jazz Camp (Iowa)

NOTABLE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Tribute to Sarah Vaughn – New Jersey Performing Arts Center 1999
The Jackie Robinson Foundation 1997
Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band European Tour 1997
Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band, Jazz Hall of Fame, Tampa, Fl 1997
(Featuring Joe Williams, Nancy Wilson, and Tito Puente)
Roy Hargrove (Verve Recording Artist & Grammy Winner)

- Montreal Jazz Festival
- Caramoor Jazz Festival
- Village Vanguard, New York City

Benny Carter Big Band (Lincoln Theatre, Washington, D.C.)
Featuring: Joe Williams, Marlena Shaw and Joe Wilder
Keith Loftis Trio Featured at Ray Brown’s Birthday Celebration (The New School, NYC)
KRS-1 (Hip Hop artist) Studio Recording- “I Got Next”

OTHER PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2019

The Baylor Project @ Blue Note, NYC
The Baylor Project – San Antonio, TX
The Baylor Project – Capital Jazz Cruise
Aaron Comess @ Rockwood Music Hall, NYC
The Baylor Project – The Arc Black Box Theatre, Washington, DC
Aaron Whitby @ Wayland, NYC
The Baylor Project @ the Blue Note, Beijing, China
Eric Wheeler Quartet @ St. Albans, Queens, NY
The Baylor Project @ St. Lucia Jazz Festival
The Baylor Project @ Capital Jazz Festival, Baltimore, MD
Aaron Comess @ City Winery, NYC
Roy Hargrove Big Band @ Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.
The Baylor Project – Minsk, Belarus
The Baylor Project @ North Sea Jazz Festival
The Baylor Project @ the Jewel, Omaha, NE
The Baylor Project @ Dazzle, Denver, CO
Aaron Whitby @ Lincoln Center, Atrium, NYC
Aaron Comess @ Rockwood Music Hall, NYC
Christian McBride Big Band & Situation Monterey Jazz Festival, CA
The Baylor Project @ Jazz Standard, NYC
Willie Jones III – Christmas Recording
Master Class with the Baylor Project, Queens, NY
The Baylor Project @ Bratislava Jazz Festival, Slovakia
Ruth Naomi Floyd – Frederick Douglas Jazz Works Recording
Ruth Naomi Floyd @ the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
Christian McBride Situation @ NJPAC, NJ

The Baylor Project @ Ukraine Jazz Festival, Kyiv, Ukraine
The Baylor Project @ Harlem Stage, NYC
The Baylor Project @ the Philadelphia Chapter Grammy Party
Aaron Comess @ Rockwood Music Hall, NYC
Quincy Davis Quintet @ Small's, NYC
Roy Hargrove Tribute Big Band @ Jazz Gallery, NYC

2018

The Baylor Project 2x Grammy Nomination for Best Jazz Vocal Album
Traditional R&B Performance
The Carlyle Hotel, NYC
Ruth Naomi Floyd presents, The Frederick Douglas Jazz Works, CA
The Baylor Project (Jazz at the Bistro, St. Louis, MO)
The Baylor Project (City Winery, Atlanta, GA)
The Baylor Project (City Winery, Chicago, IL)
The Baylor Project (Charlottesville Jazz Festival)
The Baylor Project (The Jazz Kitchen, Indianapolis, IN)
The Baylor Project (Exit Zero Jazz Festival, NJ)
The Baylor Project (SOUTH, Philadelphia, PA)
The Baylor Project (Blue Note, Napa Valley, CA)
The Baylor Project (Newport Beach Jazz Festival, CA)
Nicole Henry (Opening of The Hard Rock Café Casino, Atlantic City, NJ)

2017

The Baylor Project (APAP & Winter Jazz Festival, NYC)
The Baylor Project Debut CD Release (SOUTH Jazz Club, PA)
The Baylor Project (Blue Note, NYC)
The Baylor Project (Blues Alley, Washington D.C.)
The Baylor Project (Sculler's Boston, MA)
Chris Gillespie Trio (The Carlyle Hotel, NYC)
Ray Charles Alumni Band featuring Maceo Parker (Cape May Jazz Fest)
Ruth Naomi Floyd presents, "The Frederick Douglas Jazz Works" (New York, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania & United Kingdom)

2016

Kenyatta Beasley Quintet (APAP, NYC)
The Baylor Project (SOUTH Jazz Club, PA)
The Baylor Project (SMOKE Jazz Club, NYC)
The Baylor Project (APAP & Winter Jazz Fest, NYC)
Chris Gillespie Trio (The Carlyle Hotel)
The New Cookers (Brooklyn Public Library)
Carl Allen & The Art of Elvin (SMOKE Jazz Club)
Carl Allen & The Art of Elvin (Hartford Jazz Festival, CT)
Kenyatta Beasley Group (Hip-Hop Festival Brooklyn, NY)
North Hampton Jazz Workshop Northampton, MA

Josh Evans Quintet (MOMA, NYC)
The Baylor Project (Willingboro Jazz Festival Willingboro, NJ)
Roy Hargrove Big Band (Jazz Gallery, NYC)
Micheal Carvin Trio (WBGO Event)
Kenyatta Beasley Quintet (BRIC Jazz Festival Brooklyn, NY)
Martha Redbone (Joe's Pub, NYC)

2015

The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues Bessie Smith (The Blues Cruise)
Carl Allen: The Art of Elvin (SMOKE Jazz Club, NYC)
The Baylor Project (Abyssinian Baptist Church, NYC)
The New Cookers (BAM Café, Brooklyn, NY)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Jazz Standard, NYC)
The Baylor Project (Apollo Theater, Harlem, NYC)
Carl Allen Quartet (Jazz at Kitano, NYC)
The Baylor Project (Moers Festival, Germany)
The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith (Lake Placid, NY)
Chris Gillespie Trio (Martha's Vineyard)
The Baylor Project (UMEA Jazz Festival)
Kenyatta Beasley Quintet (21st Big Apple in Nonoichi, Japan Tour)

2014

Micheal Carvin Experience CD Release (Dizzy's Coca Cola, NYC)
Roy Hargrove Big Band (Blue Note, Tokyo, Japan)
The New Cookers (BAM Café, Brooklyn, NY)
The Baylor Project (SMOKE Jazz Club)
Nicole Henry (Dizzy's Coca Cola, NYC)
Christy Smith Quartet (Malaysia Jazz Festival featuring Kirk Lightsey)
Eric Person Big Band (Dizzy's Coca Cola, NYC)
Nicole Henry (Blue Note, NYC)
Chris Gillespie Trio (Bogota, South America)
Nicole Henry (Ginny's Supper Club, NYC)
Jazz Reach Education Tour (Tennessee)
Abdullah Ibrahim (Schomburg Center, NYC)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Kitano Jazz, NYC)
NBC Television Show *State of Affairs*
Aaron Comess Quintet: Live Recording at SMOKE, NYC

2013

Keith Loftis Quartet- Ginny's Supper Club, NYC
A Tribute to Abram Wilson (London Jazz Festival)
Abram Wilson Foundation: Saxophone Giants Tour with Jean Toussaint (London)
Micheal Carvin Experience with Sonny Fortune (Dizzy's Coca Cola, NYC)
The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith (Cleveland Playhouse)
Winter Jazz Fest, NYC with The Baylor Project
Chris Gillespie Trio (The Carlyle Hotel)
Brooklyn Arts Council
The Baylor Project (SMOKE Jazz Club, NYC)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Iridium, NYC)
E.J. Allen Quintet (Langston Hughes Library)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Kitano Jazz, NYC)
The New Cookers (BAM Café, Brooklyn, NY)
Chris Gillespie Trio (Lehman College, Bronx, NY)
Keith Loftis Quartet (Yale Club, NYC)
The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith (
Micheal Carvin Experience (The Blue Room, Kansas City, MO)

2012

Keith Loftis Quartet- 86th Anniversary of John Coltrane (Sista's Place)
Abdullah Ibrahim Tour (South Africa & Europe)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Jazz Standard, NYC)
18th Big Apple in Nonoichi, Japan with Junior Mance (Performances &
Masterclass)
The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith at The Cleveland
Playhouse
The New School's 25th Anniversary Legacy Concert, NYC
The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith- Montreal Jazz Festival
The Carlyle Hotel with Chris Gillespie Trio (July-Sept)
Roy Hargrove Big Band (Blue Note, NYC)
Micheal Carvin Experience (Lenox Lounge, NYC)
Kenyatta Beasley Quintet (Sista's Place, Brooklyn, NY)
James Spaulding Quintet (Sista's Place, Brooklyn, NY)
Jazz Reach Education (South America Tour)

2011

NAMM Show (Red Hot Sax Night II Presented by Yamaha) with
-Dave Koz
-Jeff Coffin
-Bobby Shew
-Andy Martin
-Jeff Kashiwa
-Mindi Abair
Abdullah Ibrahim (South African & European Tour)

Michael Carvin & Life Force (Burgdorff Culture Center, NJ)
Jazz Reach Education Tour
Off Broadway Show (The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith)
-The Florida Rep Theatre, Ft. Myers, FL (1 month run)
-St. Luke's Theatre, NYC (1year run)
Roy Hargrove Big Band (Marciac Jazz Festival, France)
Jazz Mobile Big Band (Tribute to Dr. Billy Taylor) featuring:
-Dianne Reeves
-Frank Wess
-Jimmy Heath
-Wycliffe Gordon
-Charenee Wade

2010

Abdullah Ibrahim (South African & European Tour)
Roy Hargrove Big Band:
-Washington D.C. Jazz Festival
-Canadian Jazz Festivals (Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto)
-Monterey Jazz Festival, CA
-Highline Ballroom, NYC
Ohio State University with pianist Anthony Wonsey Quartet
Jazz Reach Education & Metta Quintet Tour (CA, FL and Midwest)
Bemelmans Bar at the Carlyle Hotel with the Chris Gillespie Trio

2009

European Tour with the Roy Hargrove Big Band
South African & European Tour with Abdullah Ibrahim
Hollywood Bowl with the Roy Hargrove Big Band
Bemelmans Bar at the Carlyle Hotel with the Chris Gillespie Trio

2008

Recording with Verve Recording Artist-Kenny Lattimore: Timeless
VH-1 Storyteller Show with Mary J. Blige
Mark Whitfield Recording (Tribute to Stevie Wonder: Songs of Wonder)
Playboy Jazz Festival with the Roy Hargrove Big Band
Harry's Jazz Festival, Singapore (with Brian Lynch & Vincent Gardener)
Michael Carvin Quartet (Blue Room, Kansas City, MO)

2007

Mary J. Blige & Usher (VH-1 Fashion Rocks Week, NYC)
Roy Hargrove Big Band (New Orleans Festival & Heritage Festival)
Michael Carvin Quartet (Blue Room, Kansas City, MO)
13th Annual Big Apple in Nonoichi, Japan with Benny Green
Featured Saxophonist with Chris Gillespie Trio at the Carlyle, NYC

2006

United States Embassy, Armenia – Performance for President of Armenia with vocalist Judy Bady
Four Tops and The Temptations – U.S. Tour
Cab Calloway Orchestra
Roy Hargrove Big Band, Jazz Gallery (Voted Best of 2006 by All About Jazz)
Keith Loftis – Featured at the Carlyle Hotel, New York City

2005

Keith Loftis Quartet – Twins Jazz Club, Washington, D.C.
Keith Loftis – Featured at the Carlyle Hotel, New York City
Apollo Theatre with the Four Tops and Temptations
The New Ray Charles Tribute Orchestra – Blue Note, New York City
The New Cookers – Brooklyn Academy of Music

2004

Blue Note Jazz Club – Karen Francis, New York City
Blue Note Jazz Club – Jazz Reach, New York City
Keith Loftis Quartet – Blue Note Café, Beirut, Lebanon
Big Band New Jersey Jazz Fest, Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band
Alvin Batiste – Performance, Snug Harbor, New Orleans, LA
James Spaulding Quintet – Tribute to John Coltrane, New York City
The Dells – Performance, New Jersey Performance Arts Center
The Four Tops and the Temptations – Performance
Fox TV – Fox Friends Weekend Show – Performance, Brooklyn Big Band
Jamaica Arts & Jazz Festival – Performance, Frank Foster Big Band, NYC

2003

Ray Charles – U.S. Tour
Jazz Reach Education – U.S. Tour

2002

Ray Charles – U.S. and European Tour
Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band – Live Recording at Jazz Standard, NYC

Roy Hargrove – (Grammy Winner) – “RH Factor Hard Groove” CD, 2003
Deborah Davis – (Jazz Vocalist) – Recording, New York City, 2002

2001

Ray Charles – U.S. Tour/Japan
Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band – U.S. Tour

Discography and Recordings

The Baylor Project- *The Journey*, 2017
Aaron Comess *Quintet*, 2015
Micheal Carvin Experience- *Flash Forward*, 2014
Eddie Allen- *PUSH*, 2014
Chris Gillespie- *Portraits of Porter*, 2013
Cleave Guyton, Jr.- *Introducing The C.J. Heptet*, 2012
Keith Loftis Quartet- *Simply, Loftis*, 2011
Abdullah Ibrahim- *Sotho Blue*, 2011
Eiko Rikuhashi- *You Are My Strength*, 2011
Mayumi Hori- *Halfway There*, 2009
Roy Hargrove Big Band- *Emergence*, 2009
Mark Whitfield - *Stevie Wonder Project*, 2008
Kenny Lattimore- *Timeless*, 2008 Tenor Sax Solo on “That’s the way Love Is”
Chris Gillespie- *Live at The Carlyle*, 2007
Keith & Terry Loftis- *Back To Basics*, 2006
Roy Hargrove - (Grammy Winner) – *RH Factor Hard Groove*, 2003
Deborah Davis - *No Ways Tired*, 2002
Frank Foster Loud Minority Big Band -*Live Recording at Jazz Standard*, New York City, 2002
Brooklyn Big Band -*Live at Sweet Rhythm*, 2004
New York University Big Band -Recording the *Music of Teo Macero*
Brad Leali Jazz Orchestra- *Maria Juanez*
Keith Loftis- *The Music of Keith Loftis*, 2000
Abram Wilson- *Soul Vibe*, 2000
Nozomu Ito- *It’s Funkito*, 1998
Shedrick Mitchell- *Introducing Shedrick Mitchell*, 1997

References

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