

Connor Babos

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Education

Rutgers University/Mason Gross School of the Arts – New Brunswick NJ

Sept. 2013-Present

Bachelor of Music – Music Education and Jazz Studies (Saxophone)

Graduated January 2018 Summa Cum Laude

Primary Teachers: Mr. Gary Smulyan, Baritone Saxophone | Dr. Christopher Wickham, Bassoon

Relevant Coursework: Foundations of Music Education, Secondary Lessons on Violin, Orchestration, Special Topics of Music Education in Wind Literature, Marching Band, and Jazz Education; Special Studies in Latin American Music, Jazz Improvisation, Jazz Composition and Arranging

Practicum Placements: Bound Brook High School with Dr. Marian Stewart, Highland Park Middle School with Mr. Keith Presty, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North with Mr. Mark Bencivengo.

Metuchen High School – Metuchen NJ

Sept. 2009- Jun. 2013

Graduated with Honors Diploma

Member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society

National Merit Scholar Commendation

AP Distinguished Scholar recognition by College Board

Teaching Experience

East Brunswick Public Schools – East Brunswick, NJ

Sept. 2017 - Present

Student Teacher at East Brunswick HS with Mr. Brian Toth, Central Elementary School with Mrs. Eileen Mann, Marching Band

Instructor, All District Choir Assistant. Rutgers University Supervisor Mr. Jeffery Lesser

- Became primary teacher of the East Brunswick Concert Band and the 4th-5th Grade General Music Program
- Conducted the East Brunswick Wind Ensemble at their 2nd Annual Exchange Concert with Bridgewater-Raritan HS
- Conducted the Full Program of an East Brunswick Concert Band at their December 2017 Concert
- Provided individual and group instruction on Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Instruments
- Designed implementation of music notation software into 5th grade general music curriculum
- Created units for 2nd-5th grade general music that satisfied curricular demands
- Responsible for instruction of woodwind section of EBHS Marching Band in music and visual demands
 - EBHS Marching Band Received 4 “Best Music” Captions

The Most Music School – Metuchen NJ

Apr. 2017-Present

Private Instructor and General Manager

- Taught private lessons on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Piano and Violin to students ages 4-82
- Created custom materials for differentiated instruction and to accommodate student disabilities.
- Provided Preparatory Instruction for CJMEA Region auditions
- Designed and Managed scheduling and billing systems for a 100-student program
- Assisted with hiring and with coordinating teachers.

Self-Employed Instructor – Metuchen NJ

Sept. 2014-Present

Private Instructor

- Taught private lessons on Saxophones, Clarinets, and Piano for students ages 8-16
- Students auditioned for and won first chair positions in their school wind ensembles
- Created custom materials and curriculum to address individual student’s educational needs

Certification and Professional Affiliations

Certification

New Jersey Teacher Certification

Anticipated Feb. 2018

Music: K-12

Praxis Exam Passed November 2017

Professional Affiliations

New Jersey Music Educators Association

New Jersey Jazz Educators Association

Conference Attendance

2014, 2016, 2018 New Jersey Music Educators Conference Feb. 2014-18
Performed in concerts given by Rutgers Symphony Band and Rutgers Bacoustics Bassoon Ensemble
Conducted Rutgers Bacoustics during their 2018 Concert

2017 New Jersey Association for Jazz Education Conference Nov. 2017
Assisted NJAJE Executive Director Jeffery Lesser with registration and set-up, participated in reading session.

2015 International Double Reed Society 44th Conference Jul. 2014
Participant in International Double Reed Society Flash Mob in Washington Square Park, New York City.

Employment Experience

Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts Extension Division - New Brunswick, NJ Jul. 2016-Present
Instructional Faculty, Outreach Ambassador, Rutgers Summer Jazz Institute Head Counselor, Rutgers Symphonic Wind Band Camp Resident Counselor

- Supervised high school students in on-campus housing
- Provided instruction in improvisation and instrumental technique
- Assisted university faculty in organizing rehearsals and performances
- Responsible for coordinating and supervising group travel to New York City

Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts Admissions Department - New Brunswick, NJ Mar. 2015 – May 2017
Student Admissions Ambassador

- Assisted undergraduate coordinator Ms. Ellen Leibowitz and admissions chair Ms. Peg Barbarite with student recruitment
- Regularly recommended by faculty and staff to speak with prospective students and their parents

Rutgers University Office of Information Technology - New Brunswick, NJ Sept. 2014 – May 2017
Residential Networking Consultant

- Assisted students, faculty, and staff over the phone and in person with technical issues
- Diagnosed and repaired University networking infrastructure
- Commended for ‘Exceptional Service’

Musical Experience

Scholastic

Rutgers University 250th and 251st Commencement Band - New Brunswick NJ May 2016, 2017
Director Kraig Allan Williams

- Clarinet
- Performed for President Barack Obama at the 250th commencement.

Rutgers Jazz Ensemble 1 - New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2015-May 2017
Director Conrad Herwig

- Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Flute
- Performed alongside guest artists Claudio Roditi, John Beasley, Michael Dease, and Alex Sipiagin

Rutgers University Symphony Band and Symphonic Winds - New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2013-May 2017
Conductor Daryl Bott

- Principal Bass Clarinet, Clarinet, Contralto and Contrabass Clarinets
- Performed alongside guest artists Imani Winds, Boston Brass and Mark Dover
- Performed under guest conductors H. Robert Reynolds and James F. Keene

Rutgers University Sinfonia Jan-May 2016
Director Kynan Johns

- Bassoon
- Solo Bassoonist in Concerto for Bassoon Ensemble and Orchestra

Rutgers University Chamber Jazz Ensembles – New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2013-May 2017
Directors Victor Lewis, Bill O’Connell, Mark Stasio, Gary Smulyan, Abraham Burton

- Baritone and Tenor Saxophones

- Performed Original Compositions in Concert
- Recorded and Published Original Compositions with University Ensembles

Rutgers University Bacoustics Bassoon Ensemble - New Brunswick NJ Feb. 2014-Present

Director Christopher Wickham

- Bassoon
- General Manager
- Coordinated flights and accommodations of 12-member ensemble for trip to Italy
- Performed outreach concerts at more than 20 NJ schools

Rutgers University Symphony Band - New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2016

Conductor William Berz

- Principal Bassoon

Rutgers University Mingus Band – New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2014-May 2015

Director Abraham Burton

- Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Flute

Rutgers University Jazz Ensemble 2 – New Brunswick NJ Sept. 2013-May 2014

Director Marc Stasio, Director David Miller

- Baritone Saxophone, Soprano Saxophone

Rutgers University Marching Band - Piscataway NJ Sept. 2013-Feb. 2014

Director Tim Smith

- Tenor Saxophone
- Performed at the Pregame show for Super Bowl XLVIII

Musicals

Heathers, Villagers Theater Company – Franklin NJ Aug. 2017

Musical Directors Liam McGeary, Patrick Philips

- Reed – Clarinet, Oboe, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones

Little Shop of Horrors, Livingston Theater Company - Piscataway NJ Nov. 2016

Musical Directors Liam McGeary, Megan Kalebrer, Patrick Philips

- Reed 2 – Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Baritone Saxophone

Grease, Cornerstone Playhouse - Sussex NJ Aug. 2016

Musical Director Thomas Silkowski

- Reed 1 – Tenor Saxophone

Guys and Dolls, Cornerstone Playhouse - Sussex NJ May 2016

Musical Director Fabian Schulz

- Reed 5 – Bass Clarinet, Baritone Saxophone

A Chorus Line, Cabaret Theater - New Brunswick NJ Mar. 2016

Musical Director Kathryn Matina

- Reed 2 – Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone

Once Upon a Mattress, Dunellen Skylight Theater - Dunellen NJ Aug. 2015

Musical Director Megan Kalebrer

- Clarinet, Bass Clarinet

Seussical, Metuchen High School Footlighters – Metuchen NJ Mar. 2014

Musical Director John Morrison

- Reed 3 – Flute, Clarinet, Bassoon, Baritone Saxophone

South Pacific, Metuchen High School – Metuchen NJ Mar. 2013

Music Director John Morrison

- Violin 1

Sweeney Todd, Metuchen High School – Metuchen NJ Mar. 2012

Music Director John Morrison

- Violin I

Spamalot, Algonquin Arts Theater - Manasquan NJ

May 2011

Musical Director Henco Espag

- Reed 2 - Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone

Oliver, Algonquin Arts Theater - Manasquan NJ

May 2010

Musical Director Henco Espag

- Violin II

Footloose, Metuchen High School – Metuchen NJ

Mar. 2010

Music Director John Morrison

- Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone

Festivals

Summer Music in Tuscany Chamber Music Festival - Sarteano Italy

Jul. 2016, 2017

Director Jim Millar, Instructor Christopher Wickham, Chamber Music Coaches Erin Banholzer, Todd Groves, Alicia Lindsey

- Bassoon and Clarinet
- Performed alongside guest artist Sebastian Stevansson, Principal Bassoonist of the Danish National Symphony Orchestra
- Received scholarship from Rutgers University to perform on bassoon
- Received scholarship from Summer Music in Tuscany to perform on Clarinet

Freelance

Wrapped Around Your Finger – Tinton Falls NJ

Sept. 2016-Present

Band Leader Roger Hitchcuk

- Baritone and Alto Saxophones
- Provided musical entertainment for weddings and other specialty events.
- Specialized in Classic Rock, Pop and Top 40

Metropolitan Festival Band - Clark NJ

May 2014-Present

Director Mike Aramondo

- Baritone and Tenor Saxophones
- Wrote contracts to hire musical ensembles for festivals and religious observances
- Hired musicians to perform at these events

Antonio y Joel – Delaware

Aug. 2017

Manager Joel Valle

- Performed with Salsa orchestra for Christian festival in Connecticut

Skills and Accomplishments

Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts Dean's List, 8 Semesters

Recipient of Rutgers Scarlet Scholarship

Rutgers University Cook-Douglass Computer Labs October 2016 Consultant of the Month

Proficient in Sibelius Music Notation Software, Microsoft Office, and Google Office Applications

Certified by Rutgers University Office of Information Technology to perform network troubleshooting

References Available Upon Request