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Education

Graduate Michigan State University East Lansing, MI MA Jazz Studies 2005 - 2008	Undergraduate Michigan State University East Lansing, MI BA In Jazz Studies 2001 - 2005	High School Southfield Lathrup High School Fine Arts Academy Southfield, MI 1997 - 2001
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Teaching Experience

September 2005 - August 2008	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	Detroit, MI
Assistant Director of Civic Jazz Ensembles - Conductor of "Civic Jazz Band II" - Weekly big band rehearsals with young jazz musicians in Michigan		
Summer 2007	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	Detroit, MI
Camp Director, ACES Summer Jazz Workshop - Weekly big band rehearsals and improvisation classes with young jazz musicians in Michigan		
September 2005 - May 2007	Michigan State University	East Lansing, MI
Graduate Assistant, Jazz Studies Area - Conductor of "MSU Jazz Octet III" - Instructor of "Beginning Jazz Improvisation I & II" - Substitute director for MSU Jazz Band I and MSU Jazz Band II		
Sep 2004 - May 2005	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	Detroit, MI
Jazz Mentor - Trumpet instructor and clinician for "Civic Jazz Orchestra" and "Civic Jazz Band"		
June 2004 - July 2005	Arts League of Michigan	Detroit, MI
Jazz Instructor - Trumpet and improvisation instructor for summer jazz camp with MSU Professors of Jazz		
Nov 2003 - April 2004	Arts League of Michigan	Detroit, MI
Jazz Mentor - Weekly workshops teaching fundamentals of jazz and trumpet to Detroit youth		

Teaching Experience Cont.

July 15 - Aug 9 2004	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	Detroit, MI
Jazz Mentor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trumpet instructor for "Summer Institute" held at Wayne State University- Performed in two jazz festivals with Civic Jazz Orchestra- Conductor: Marcus Belgrave		
June - July 2003	Flint School of Performing Arts	Flint, MI
Jazz Instructor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Director of 6 weekly jazz combo/improvisation classes		
2003 - 2007	Eaton Rapids High School	Eaton Rapids, MI
Jazz and Trumpet Instructor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clinics with jazz band- Improvisation master classes- Private instruction for jazz improvisation and trumpet		
2001 - 2008	Southfield Lathrup High School	Lathrup Village, MI
Jazz and Trumpet Instructor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clinics with jazz combo- Trumpet master classes- Improvisation master classes- Trumpet instructor at marching band camp (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)		

Performance Experience

February 2008 - present

Count Basie Orchestra

3rd Trumpet/Soloist

** indicates international performance*

February 26, 2008: Jesse Auditorium (Columbia, MO)
February 28, 2008: Potawatomi Bingo Casino (Milwaukee, WI)
February 29, 2008: Freedom Hall Nathan Manilow Theatre (Park Forest, IL)
March 1, 2008: Moraine Valley Community College (Palos Hills, IL)
March 2, 2008: Raue Center for the Arts (Crystal Lake, IL)
March 3, 2008: Arlee Theatre (Mason City, IL)
March 4, 2008: Pendleton High School (Pendleton, IN)
March 6, 2008: Lakewood Cultural Center (Lakewood, CO)
March 11, 2008: Sangre de Cristo Arts Center (Pueblo, CO)
March 13, 2008: Ft. Louis College (Durango, CO)
March 14, 2008: Union Colony Civic Center (Greeley, CO)
March 16, 2008: Scottsdale Center of the Performing Arts (Scottsdale, AZ)
April 12, 2008: w/ Patti Austin (North Bethesda, MD)
April 21, 2008: Pope Air Force Base (Southern Pines, NC)
April 22, 2008: Georgia Baptist Conference Center (Toccoa, GA)
April 23, 2008: Newberry Opera House (Newberry, SC)
April 24, 2008: Claflin University (Orangeburg, SC)
April 25, 2008: w/ Patti Austin (Nashville, TN)
April 26, 2008: La Heritage Fair Jazz Fest (New Orleans, LA)
May 22, 2008: Palace Theatre (Greensburg, PA)
May 23, 2008: Raritan Valley Community College (Somerville, NJ)
May 24, 2008: Virginia Arts Festival (Norfolk, VA)
May 25, 2008: The Paramount Theatre (Charlottesville, VA)
*** June 6, 2008:** Luminato Festival w/ Nikki Yanofsky (Toronto, Canada)
June 24, 2008: Aspen Music Festival (Aspen, CO)
July 23, 2008: Appalachian State University (Boone, NC)
July 25, 2008: Mahaiwe PAC (Great Barrington, MA)
July 26, 2008: Stoneham Theatre (Stoneham, MA)
July 27, 2008: Hanover Theater w/ Jack Jones (Worcester, MA)
July 29, 2008: Sellersville Theater (Sellersville, PA)
July 30, 2008: Empire State Plaza (Albany, NY)
August 20, 2008: Hollywood Bowl w/ Jamie Cullum (Los Angeles, CA)
August 21 - 25, 2008: Jazz Alley (Seattle, WA)
August 31, 2008: Detroit Jazz Festival w/ Nneena Freelon (Detroit, MI)
September 19, 2008: Mosaic Templars Cultural Society (Little Rock, AR)
October 14 - 19, 2008: Blue Note Jazz Club (New York, NY)
*** October 24, 2008:** Palace Hall (Bucharest, Romania)
*** October 25, 2008:** Mestscky dum (Prerov, Czech Republic)
*** October 29, 2008:** Campo Pequeno (Lisbon, Portugal)
*** October 31, 2008:** Kultur-Casino (Bern, Switzerland)
*** November 1, 2008:** Finlandia (Helsinki, Finland)
*** November 3, 2008:** Oslo Konserthus (Oslo, Norway)
*** November 5, 2008:** Parco della Musica (Rome, Italy)
*** November 7, 2008:** Stadthalle (Erding, Germany)
*** November 8, 2008:** Bürgerhaus (Hurth, Germany)
November 20, 2008: The Today Show with Tony Bennett (MSNBC)
November 24, 2008: The View with Tony Bennett (ABC)
December 1, 2008: The Early Show with Tony Bennett (CBS)
December 2, 2008: The Rachel Ray Show with Tony Bennett (New York, NY)
December 3, 2008: NBC Tree Lighting with Tony Bennett (New York, NY)
December 16, 2008: Apollo Theater with Tony Bennett (New York, NY)
December 22, 2008: Disney Hall (Los Angeles, CA)
*** January 1 - 17, 2009:** Tour of Japan (Tokyo, Nagoya, Sapporo, Karuizawa, JAPAN)

2001 - present

Kris Johnson

Trumpet, Leader

February 23, 2009: Inkster Public Schools

- "The Learning Express" Scientific Method Presentation for Elementary Students
- Music and script written by Kris Johnson

January 26, 2009: Inkster Public Schools

- "The Learning Express" Astronomy Presentation for Elementary Students
- Music and script written by Kris Johnson

September 29, 2008: Inkster Public Schools

- Premiere of "Ool Ya Koo n' Bebop Too!" by Kris Johnson for Jazz Sextet and 2 vocalists
- Educational program teaching history of jazz vocalese and scat singing

August 31, 2008: Baker's Keyboard Lounge (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quintet

July 31 & August 1, 2008: Cranbrook Academy of Art (Bloomfield, MI) & Campus Martius (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quartet with Strings
- Premiere of "Un Voyage dans les Rêves" by Kris Johnson commissioned by the Arts League of Michigan

May 9, 2008 & April 11, 2008: Baker's Keyboard Lounge (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Neo - Soul Project

March 30, 2008: Grand Ledge Opera House (Grand Ledge, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quartet

February 9, 2008: Baker's Keyboard Lounge (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quintet

December 12, 2007: Hope United Methodist Church (Southfield, MI)

- Performance of jazz oratorio "Jim Crow's Tears" by Kris Johnson

August 9, 2007: Detroit Jazz Festival CD Release Party @ Motor City Casino (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quartet

August 3, 2007: Lansing Jazz Festival (Lansing, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quartet

July 21, 2007: Idlewild Jazz Festival (Idlewild, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quartet

July 1 - 8, 2007: Community Tour (Pinedale, WY)

- Kris Johnson Sextet

March 4, 2007: Michigan State University College of Music

- Premiere of "Jim Crow's Tears" by Kris Johnson
- Orchestrated for vocal quartet, jazz octet, string quartet, woodwind quartet, & narrator

Nov 11, 2006, Jan 20, 2007 & September 8, 2007: Baker's Keyboard Lounge (Detroit, MI)

- Kris Johnson Sextet

February 19, 2004: Creole Gallery (Lansing, MI)

- MSU Honors Sextet directed by Kris Johnson

August 2002: Idlewild Jazz Festival (Idlewild, MI)

- Kris Johnson Quintet

2005 - 2008

Michigan State University
Professors of Jazz

Trumpet

Members: Rodney Whitaker, Wess Anderson, Derrick Gardner, Diego Rivera, Rick Roe, Randy Gillespie, Sunny Wilkinson

List of venues

May 18, 2007: East Lansing Art Festival (East Lansing, MI)

February 2 & 3, 2007: Wharton Center (East Lansing, MI)
- "Jazz Cats: Let Freedom Ring" presentation for kids

September 10, 2006: Disney Hall Los Angeles, CA
- MSU Professors of Jazz and MSU Honors Jazz Quintet
- Michigan State University Music Showcase

May 18 & 21, 2006: Wharton Center (East Lansing, MI)
- "Jazz Cats: Satchmo Blow Your Horn!" presentation for kids

May 20, 2006: Costick Center (Farmington Hills, MI)

Mar 12, 2006: Wharton Center (East Lansing, MI)

January 21, 2006: First Congregational Church (Detroit, MI)
- w/ the Rudy Hawkins Singers

January 8 & 9, 2006: Dizzy's Club Coca - Cola @ Lincoln Center (New York, NY)
MSU Jazz Band I w/ MSU Professors of Jazz

October 29, 2005: Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (Macomb, MI)
- w/ Jon Hendricks

October 13, 2005: Wharton Center (East Lansing, MI)
- w/ Ron Carter (NIU)

October 2, 2005: Wharton Center East Lansing, MI
- "Tribute to New Orleans" (Katrina Relief)
- w/ Herlin Riley, Don Vappie, Peter Martin

2001 - present

Misc. Groups

Trumpet

August 29, 2008: Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

- Tribute to Marvin Gaye
- w/ Lalah Hathaway, Rahsaan Patterson, Jose James and Christian McBride

August 29, 2008: Detroit Public Library

- Raphael Price's Detroit Chamber Jazz Orchestra
- Premiere of two original compositions and one arrangement

August 14 - 18, 2008: Multiple Venues (Pindale, WY)

- Ryan Ptasnik Quintet

April 6, 2008: Orchestra Hall (Detroit, MI)

- James Tatum Trio Plus

September 2, 2007: Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

- Gerald Wilson Orchestra w/ Patti Austin

September 2, 2006: Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

- Gerald Wilson Orchestra

August 19, 2006: BBBC Fundraiser (Battle Creek, MI)

- Brass Band of Battle Creek Jazz Combo w/ Wycliffe Gordon

December 10, 2005: Kellogg Hall (Battle Creek, MI)

- Brass Band of Battle Creek
- Conductor: Mark Gould (Metropolitan Opera Orchestra)
- w/ Wycliffe Gordon (LCJO/Wynton Marsalis Septet), Morris Robinson (Metropolitan Opera), Steven Mead, Woody English (U.S. Army Band, Pershing's Own), Jens Lindemann (Canadian Brass)

September 2, 2005: Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

- Gerald Wilson Orchestra

September 2005: Baker's Keyboard Lounge & Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

- Jonathan Dixon Quintet
- Winners of 2005 Heineken Star Quest Competition

August 29 - September 1, 2003: Detroit Jazz Fest, Harlequin Café, Serengeti Ballroom (Detroit, MI)

- Marcus Belgrave Trumpet Summit
- w/ Marcus Belgrave, Rodney Whitaker, Mulgrew Miller, Sean Jones, Kareem Riggins, Maurice Brown, Rob Smith, Dwight Adams, Jean Douglas

September 28, 2002: Wharton Center (East Lansing, MI)

- Live performance of Wycliffe Gordon's movie score to Oscar Meacheux's "Body and Soul" starring Paul Robeson

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

Ruth Priscilla Simms Hamilton Endowed Scholarship in Jazz (2004 - 2005)

The Dorothy Carr Houvener Memorial Endowed Scholarship (2003 - 2004, 2004 - 2005)

The Budres Foundation Scholarship in Music and Theater (2003 - 2004)

John Gulash Memorial Scholarship Fund (2003 - 2004)

MSU School of Music Minority Scholarship (2002 - 2003)

MSU Jazz Studies Area Scholarship (2001 - 2005)

MSU Trumpet Studio Scholarship (2001 - 2005)

Detroit Jazz Fest (Detroit, MI)

Winner of Heineken Star Quest Competition (w/ Jonathon Dixon Quintet (2005)

Elmhurst College Jazz Festival (Elmhurst, IL)

Outstanding Soloist (2003)

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James Tatum Foundation (Detroit, MI)

Scholarship For Seniors In the Arts (2001)

Ann Arbor Concert Band (Ann Arbor, MI)

Winner of 2000 Concerto Competition

Performance of "Hummel Trumpet Concerto" at State Theater

Committees, Organizations

Michigan State University

2007 Musicology Search Committee (American Music/ Jazz Studies)

International Association of Jazz Educators

Vice - President of Michigan State University Chapter (2003 - 2004)

Media

Audio

Tony Bennett & The Count Basie Big Band "A Swingin' Christmas" Sony (2008)
- trumpet & flugelhorn

Kris Johnson Sextet "Exodus" (2008)
- all compositions, trumpet, leader

Lyric Lee "Journal Entries" Dae One Records (2008)
- horn arrangements, trumpet & flugelhorn

Yolanda Adams "What a Wonderful Day" Sony BMG (2007)
- "My Favorite Things" horn arrangement, trumpet

Michigan State University Jazz Band I "Things To Come" (2005)
- Trumpet Solo on "Yardbird Suite"

Men of Grace: I Believe (2003)
- Trumpet solo on "In the Name of Jesus"

Randy Scott "Words Unspoken" Orpheus Recordings (2002)
- Trumpet and Flugelhorn on "Déjà vu"

Detroit Symphony Civic Jazz Orchestra "Martin Luther King Celebration" (2001)
- Trumpet Solo on "Nutville"

Count Basie Orchestra "Tributes the Jazz Masters" Mack Ave Records (forthcoming)
- 3rd Trumpet
- Features Hank Jones, Frank Wess, Curtis Fuller, Nneena Freelon, Jamie Cullum, & Butch Miles

Barry Cooper and Kris Johnson "Common Journey" (forthcoming)
- Composer, arranger, co - leader

Othello "Translation Please" Mic Life Japan (forthcoming)
- compositions, horn arrangements, trumpet & flugelhorn

Stephanie K (forthcoming)
- horn arrangements, trumpet & flugelhorn

Video

Tony Bennett & The Count Basie Big Band "The Making of a Swingin' Christmas" Sony (2008)

"That's What Swingin' Is" (2006)
- documentary featuring Kris Johnson playing Duke Ellington's "Shepherd" in a master class with Wynton Marsalis

"Inside Jazz: Everybody's Welcome" (2006)
- documentary about the Michigan State University Jazz Studies Program