
ROSS STRAUSER

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Education

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Master's Degree in Jazz Performance | May, 2022

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana

Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Jazz Studies | May, 2020

Bachelor's Degree in Saxophone Performance | May, 2019

Employment History/Teaching Experience

Hillsborough Community College

Adjunct Professor | 2023

Stage Band Director

University of South Florida School of Music

Adjunct Professor | 2022 - Present

Jazz saxophone lessons/studio class | Jazz Ensemble II | Jazz Composition/Arranging | Jazz Styles & Analysis

University of Montana School of Music

Summer Camp Instructor | 2022

Private lessons | Jazz Band IV | Faculty ensembles | Saxophone masterclass

Tota Music Conservatory

Instructor | 2021-present

Private lessons | Jazz combo | Pit orchestras

University of South Florida School of Music

Graduate Teaching Assistant | 2020-22

Jazz Composition/Arranging | Jazz Ensemble II | Survey of Jazz | Jazz librarian

Rockatar Music Academy

Instructor | 2020-present

Private lessons

Plant High School

Jazz Instructor | 2020-present

Jazz Band II | Jazz Band I guest instructor

Flathead Lake Music Camp

Instructor | 2019 and 2021

Jazz Band | Saxophone masterclass | Private lessons | Staff ensembles

Sentinel High School

Woodwind Specialist | 2018-20

Woodwind sectionals | Jazz Band I guest instructor

University of Montana School of Music

Assistant Jazz Instructor | 2017-20

Jazz Combo | Jazz Band IV | Jazz Band III | Saxophone lessons

Community/School Involvement

The Ross Strauser Jazz Orchestra

Composer/Arranger/Bandleader | 2022

The Latin Jazz Knights Band

Saxophonist | 2022

George Pennington and the Odyssey

Saxophonist | 2022

Chuck Owen and the Jazz Surge

Studio Assistant | 2021

University of South Florida

Saxophonist/Composer/Arranger | 2020-22

"Jazztet" Graduate Jazz Combo | Jazz Ensemble I

The Ross Strauser Trio

Saxophonist/Bandleader | 2020-present

Double Standard Duo/Standards Quartet

Saxophonist/Bandleader/Composer/Arranger | 2019-20

Tonal Imagination Jazz Collective

Saxophonist/Bandleader/Composer/Arranger | 2018-20

The Fertile Crescent

Saxophonist/Co-founder | 2018-20

The Bop-a-Dips

Saxophonist/Arranger | 2018-20

The Montana Arts Collective Event Band

Saxophonist | 2017-18

The RetroTones

Saxophonist/Arranger | 2017

University of Montana

Saxophonist/Leadership/Composer/Arranger | 2015-20

President of UM Jazz Bands | UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival Coordinator | Jazz Ensemble I
| Jazz Combo I | Symphonic Wind Ensemble | Saxophone Quartet I | Grizzly Marching Band
| Salsa Band

Pit Orchestras

Woodwinds | 2015-present

"Chicago" | "Big Fish" | "Spelling Bee" | "White Christmas" | "Aristocats Jr." | "Le
Misérables"

Awards and Acknowledgements

Ithaca College Composition Competition Winner | 2023

Original composition, "The Mellow Fellow and the Fly" performed by the Ithaca College Jazz Ensemble with guest artist, Peter Bernstein

ISJAC Symposium Presenter | 2022

Presented an original composition to colleagues and fellow composers that was selected through application.

Pi Kappa Lambda Member | 2022

Magna Cum Laude Academic Honors | 2019

Odyssey Music Scholarship | 2019

Lance Boyd Jazz Award | 2018

Awarded annually to one graduating member of the University of Montana Jazz Program for outstanding achievement and leadership.

Jodi Marshall Jazz Scholarship | 2017-20

John R. Cowan Jr. Scholarship | 2017-20

Vaughn Family Music Scholarship | 2016-17

Hinderman Scholarship | 2015-17

Kim Dowaliby Memorial Scholarship | 2015

Skills

Composition, Arranging, Copy Work

Digital Audio Production

Logic Pro X

Music Notation

Sibelius

Woodwind Performance/Instruction

Saxophone | Flute | Clarinet

List of Works

Big Band Arrangements

- *By Fire* – Hiatus Kaiyote
- *Equinox* – John Coltrane
- *I Love You* – Cole Porter
- *Legacy* – Chick Corea
- *Little Sunflower* – Freddie Hubbard
- *Night by Night* – Steely Dan
- *September in the Rain* – Harry Warren
- *The Boy in the Bubble* – Paul Simon

Big Band Compositions

- *Chasing San* – Ross Strauser
- *Crazy Eyes* – Ross Strauser
- *Endless Ties* – Ross Strauser
- *Erzulie Balianne* – Ross Strauser
- *It's Always Been You* – Ross Strauser
- *Living in Shadows* – Ross Strauser
- *Quest for Peace* – Ross Strauser
- *Robbie's Delight* – Ross Strauser
- *Sundrops* – Ross Strauser
- *The Mellow Fellow and the Fly* – Ross Strauser
- *The Silent Moments* – Ross Strauser
- *Three Chairs* – Ross Strauser
 - I. Intro
 - II. Sing Sing Chair
 - III. Ghost Armchair
 - V. Basket Chair

Jazz Combo Arrangements

- *Alice In Wonderland* – Sammy Fain
- *Autumn Leaves* – Joseph Kosma
- *Backstage Sally* – Wayne Shorter
- *Beautiful Love* – Victor Young
- *By Fire* – Hiatus Kaiyote
- *Cherokee* – Ray Noble
- *Dixie's Dilemma* – Warne Marsh
- *Dolphin Dance* – Herbie Hancock

- *East of the Sun* – Brooks Bowman
- *Groovin' High* – Dizzy Gillespie
- *Honeysuckle Rose* – Fats Waller
- *Legacy* – Chick Corea
- *Monday Drivers* – Erica Von Kleist
- *On Green Dolphin Street* – Bronislau Caper
- *Passion Dance* – McCoy Tyner
- *Portals to Forever* – Chick Corea
- *Recordame* – Joe Henderson
- *Sandu/Blues Walk* – Clifford Brown
- *Sea Journey* – Chick Corea
- *Shaolin Monk Motherfunk* – Hiatus Kaiyote
- *Sidewalk* – Chick Corea
- *Sing a Song of Song* – Kenny Garrett
- *Sir John* – Blue Mitchell
- *Skylark* – Hoagy Carmichael
- *Soft Shoe* – Gerry Mulligan
- *Softly as in a Morning Sunrise* – Sigmund Romberg
- *Solar* – Miles Davis
- *Someday My Prince Will Come* – Frank Churchill
- *The Odd Couple* – Neil Hefti
- *Thriller* – Michael Jackson
- *Ventura Highway* – America

Jazz Combo Compositions

- *A Better Time (for 10 piece jazz ensemble)* – Ross Strauser
- *A Better Time (for jazz quartet)* – Ross Strauser
- *All the Fourths* – Ross Strauser
- *All the Things We Were* – Ross Strauser
- *Come Up* – Ross Strauser
- *Crazy Eyes* – Ross Strauser
- *Cypress* – Ross Strauser
- *Dimes* – Ross Strauser
- *Eb Blues No. 1* – Ross Strauser
- *Forever* – Ross Strauser
- *Forty for Kids* – Ross Strauser

- *Fussy Bird* – Ross Strauser
- *Joshua's Delight* – Ross Strauser
- *Like Lee* – Ross Strauser
- *Long Summer* – Ross Strauser
- *Mario's Calypso* – Ross Strauser
- *Moon Reflections* – Ross Strauser
- *My Heart Soars with the Eagle's Nest* – Ross Strauser
- *Neo Soul* – Ross Strauser
- *One for Chick* – Ross Strauser
- *Orange Juice* – Ross Strauser
- *Rain City* – Ross Strauser
- *Rat Race* – Ross Strauser
- *Sidewalk Speech* – Ross Strauser
- *Silver's Mode* – Ross Strauser
- *Space Groove Suite: I, II, III, IV* – Ross Strauser
- *Stage 3* – Ross Strauser
- *Stone's Throw* – Ross Strauser
- *Strayhoresque* – Ross Strauser
- *Sue's Morning Tea* – Ross Strauser
- *Sundrops* – Ross Strauser
- *Tag 2: Electric Boogaloo* – Ross Strauser
- *Things Unseen* – Ross Strauser
- *Tigran* – Ross Strauser
- *Untitled Original Fusion* – Ross Strauser
- *Waves* – Ross Strauser
- *Winter Rain* – Ross Strauser

Christmas Jazz Combo Arrangements

- *God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman* – Traditional
- *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* – Martin/Blane
- *O Christmas Tree* – Traditional
- *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* – Johnny Marks
- *Santa Claus is Coming to Town* – Coots/Gillespie
- *What Child Is This?* – Traditional

Sax/Piano Duo Arrangements

- *Captain Señor Mouse* – Chick Corea

- *Solar* – Miles Davis

Sax Quartet Arrangements

- *Chick's Tunes* – Chick Corea
- *It Don't Mean a Thing* – Duke Ellington
- *Jupiter: The Bringer of Jollity* – Gustav Holst
- *Salvation is Created* – Pavel Chesnokov

Sax Quartet Compositions

- *The Swamp* – Ross Strauser

String Quartet Compositions

- *Children's Song No. 3* – Ross Strauser

Orchestral Arrangements

- *Intermezzo* – Brahms/Strauser

Orchestral Compositions

- *Crystal and Quartz* – Ross Strauser
- *Jade and Gold* – Ross Strauser

Solo Piano Arrangements

- *Theme and Variations on Armando's Rhumba* – Chick Corea

Classical Compositions

- *Before You Leave the Earth: Trio for Alto Sax, Vibes and Piano* – Ross Strauser
- *Children's Song No. 1* – Ross Strauser
- *Children's Song No. 2* – Ross Strauser
- *Children's Song No. 3* – Ross Strauser
- *Choral No. 1* – Ross Strauser
- *From the Earth to the Stars* – Ross Strauser
- *Save it for a Rainy Day* – Ross Strauser

Popular Music Arrangements

- *Cassie Knows* – Drew Danbury
- *Child of God* – Drew Danbury
- *Church* – Drew Danbury
- *Comparative* – Drew Danbury
- *El Espanto Humano* – Drew Danbury
- *Fins* – Jimmy Buffett
- *Heart of Rock and Roll* – Huey Lewis
- *Iron Man* – Drew Danbury
- *Land of 1000 Dances* – Wilson Pickett
- *Midnight Hour* – Wilson Pickett
- *Rock and Roll Never Forgets* – Bob Seger
- *Shout* – Isley Brothers
- *Silly Girl* – Myah Strauser
- *Surfin' USA* – The Beach Boys
- *Tonight, the Bottle Let Me Down* – Sammy Haggard
- *Violet Skies* – Myah Strauser
- *When a Man Loves a Woman* – Percy Sledge
- *Why Me* – unknown
- *Your Mama Don't Dance* – Kenny Loggins
- *Zero One* – Drew Danbury

Popular Music Originals

- *A Boy and a Girl* – Ross Strauser
- *Cabin on the Water* – Ross Strauser
- *Morning After* – Ross Strauser

Feet x Feet Pit Orchestra Book

Arrangements

- *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* – The Andrews Sisters
- *Forty Second Street* – Harry Warren
- *Hell* – Squirrel Nut Zippers
- *Let's Misbehave* – Cole Porter
- *Opus One* – Tommy Dorsey
- *Suits are Picking Up the Bill* – Squirrel Nut Zippers