

David Gaines

Composer-Musician

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Summary

Musician with over thirty-five years of experience as a classically-trained composer, arranger, performer, karaoke DJ, and music journalist. Also a volunteer animal welfare activist for over fifteen years specializing in ferret, chinchilla, and small mammal advocacy, rescue, and husbandry.

Professional musical collaborations and performances include: Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, Afghan pop music legend Ehsan Aman, Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra (Slovakia), Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra (Czech Republic), PJ Veyvanovsky Symphony Orchestra (Czech Republic), Orchestra of the Podlasie Opera & Philharmonic (Poland), Stamford Young Artists Philharmonic (Connecticut), Bulgarian Esperanto Choir, Master Singers of Virginia, Peabody Wind Ensemble (Baltimore, Md.), and the Seattle avant/progressive ensemble Moraine; conductors Pawel Kotla, Kirk Trevor, Harlan Parker, Viktor Kozanek, Salvatore Princiotti, and Vit Micka; mezzo-sopranos Joanna Dobrakowska and Kimball Wheeler, tubist Mark Cox, flutist Elizabeth Sadilek-Labenski, trombonists Eileen Meyer Russell and Robert Kozanek, saxophonist James DeJoie, violinist Darel Stark, and flute/tuba duo Double Play.

Orchestral, concert band, and chamber music recordings are available on the Navona Records, MMC Recordings, and Verda Stelo Music labels in both compact disc and digital download formats.

Computer-based studio with an array of hardware and software musical instruments and production tools. Windows 10 64-bit environment running Finale, Cakewalk Sonar, Audacity, Vienna Symphonic Library, Tapspace Virtual Drumline, and Garritan's Personal Orchestra, Concert & Marching Band, Jazz & Big Band, and World Instruments libraries

Experience

Composer

1983 - Present

I write music. Most of it could be described as contemporary classical music but I also write music more along the lines of new age, classical crossover, electronic, world music, and frequently a blend of all of the above.

Karaoke DJ & System Rentals

August 2009 - Present

Karaoke DJ ("KJ") and karaoke system rentals for private parties, receptions, and other events around the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area

Director of Legal and Legislative Affairs (volunteer position)

May 2008 - December 2015 (7 years 8 months)

See description below under "Volunteer Experience & Causes"

Keyboardist

January 2009 - November 2009 (11 months)

Former keyboardist and founding member of a Washington, D.C. area classic/modern rock cover band

www.surrenderfriday.com

Adjunct Associate Professor at University of Maryland University College

2004 - 2006 (3 years)

Taught traditional, in-person introductory classes in ethnomusicology and the history of jazz. Assisted in the development of a non-traditional, online, distance education course based on the history of jazz class.

Adjunct Instructor

1994 - 1996 (3 years)

Developed, maintained, and taught an online, distance education course in the history of electronic music technology (the first of its kind - this was prior to the invention of the Worldwide Web).

Assistant Director of Music

1993 - 1993 (1 year)

Assisted in managing the music division of an alternative summer arts camp for children and teenagers in southern New Jersey. Arranged teacher schedules, taught electronic music and low brass, supervised music instruction, and performed with other faculty members & staff.

Education

The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University

Doctor of Musical Arts, Composition, 1992 - 1998

Activities and Societies: Pi Kappa Lambda (music honorary society - equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa)

American University

Master of Arts, Music (composition), 1985 - 1987

Northwestern University

Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Arts, Theory & Composition (BMus)/Philosophy (BA), 1979 - 1984

Activities and Societies: Lambda Chi Alpha, freeform radio host at WNUR-FM

Rippowam High School

1975 - 1979

Activities and Societies: Top 10%, National Honor Society, concert band, marching band, varsity track, JV soccer

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