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Education

- **Masters in Afro–American & Jazz Studies 1995**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- **Bachelor of Music in Education 1990**, Crane School of Music, Potsdam, NY
- **Associates of Applied Science 1987**, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY

Administrative & Professional

1995-2006 Carnival Cruise Lines

- **Musical Director** - Responsibilities included organization, scheduling and implementation of all shipboard musical programming, concerts & special events. Managed all shipboard musicians (35) including staff evaluations and discipline. Conducted, performed, rehearsed the 10 piece show band. Prepared for and performed a wide array of musical and variety acts as well as full Broadway/Vegas style production shows.

1991-1993 Music In The City/ Utica, N.Y.

- **Site Supervisor**- Supervisor of approximately 40 at-risk inner city youths and a staff of 5 instructors. Music in the City was an after school music program made available through a H.U.D grant in Utica N.Y.'s low income housing projects.

Teaching Experience

2006 – Aug - Present – YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley, Rome, N.Y.

- General music/African drumming (Camden Central Schools)
- Traditional Jazz Ensemble & Trumpet Lessons (YMCA)

2006 – Aug – Oct - New Hartford Central School - Bradley Elementary School

- **Instrumental Music** – Term Substitute.

1993-1995 University Of Massachusetts – Graduate Assistant

- **Trumpet instructor** - Taught applied trumpet & jazz trumpet (approximately 10 students, minors and non-major students at both the graduate and undergraduate level)
- **Course Instructor** - Trumpet methods course (approximately 20 undergraduate music majors, including trumpet majors)
- **Ensemble Direction** - Director Student Jazz Band 3
Coached student brass quartets and quintets (undergraduate music majors)

1992-1993 Jan – June- Herkimer School District – Jarvis Elementary & General Herkimer High

- **Instrumental Music** – Term Elementary substitute. Included preparation and performance of annual Holiday Concert. Took over high school by request of school principal due to teacher termination.
- **General Music** - Taught 3rd through 5th grade general Music.

1991-1992 Utica City School District – Roosevelt Elementary School

- **Teacher of Special Education & Teachers' assistant/Option 2** - Assisted in teaching emotionally disturbed children & children with learning disabilities. Took over the class by request of school principal due to teacher termination.

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Trumpet Instruction

- **Bob Slack**
- **Bill Adam**
- **Walter Chesnut**
- **James W. Mosher**
- **John Ellis**
- **Jack Palmer**

Jazz Instruction

- **Sal Amico - Mentor**
- **Yusef Lateef**
- **Jeff Holmes**
- **Max Roach**
- **J.R. Monterose**
- **Rick Montalbano**
- **Danny D'Imperio**
- **Brett Zvacek**

Performed

David Brenner
John Davidson
Charo
Aretha Franklin
The Temptations
Max Roach
Ernie Watts
JR Monterose
Sal Amico
Doug Sertle
Danny D'Imperio
Chris Vadala
Fred Travalina
Eddie Mekka "The Big Ragu"
Nipsey Russell
BJ Thomas

Conducted, Performed

Jesse Lopez (Trini Lopez)
Duke Daniels (The Platters)
Roger Homefield (Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson)
Denny Brunk (Harry James, Buddy Rich)
Billie Armstrong
The Amazing Zuniga's
Susanne Lukather
Robert "The Great" Excelsior
The Fabulous Martino
Penny Gold Show
Amy Vanwyk Show
Jerry Goodspeed
Joni Butler
John Henry Gates
Marcus Anthony
Ron Joseph

Professional Development Seminars:

Johnson & Wales University

8/99 Training of Champions
8/03 Seminar in personality profiles & conflict resolution

CCL Management Seminars

5/11/04 Real World Leader
5/01/04 Communication & Leadership
4/25/04 Effective Performance Appraisal
4/11/04 Leadership training

CCL Corporate Training & Hospitality Seminars

4/05/04 People First

4/19/03 Centre Stage Moments
10/31/99 In The Spotlight
9/26/99 The Construction
2/18/99 The Blueprint For Success
1/10/98 The Building Blocks
3/23/96 The Foundation

SOLAS Certifications (Safety of life at Sea)

3/29/05 Vessel Familiarization train the trainer
11/09/04 Crowd Management
7/08/04 Crisis Management
4/13/98 Survival Craftsman

