GERARD WEBER

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EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Master of Music in Performance 2013-2015

Secondary Concentration: Music History & Literature

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

Bachelor of Music Honors with Great Distinction 2009-2013

Saxophone Performance

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

University of Florida College of the Arts Creative Research Award April 2015 Winner, University of Florida 47th Annual Concerto Competition September 2013 June 2013

University of Saskatchewan Film Society Prize (top fine arts graduate, Spring 2013 Convocation)

University of Saskatchewan Collingwood Prize (top graduate in Department of Music) June 2013 First place winner of the 2013 Shurniak Concerto Competition for Saskatchewan February 2013 August 2012

First place winner, woodwind category, National Music Festival Competition of Canada

Most Outstanding Competitor, Provincial Music Competition, Saskatchewan June 2012 and June 2010

First place winner, Kinsmen Competition, Saskatoon Music Festival Competition May 2012 Second place, chamber music category, National Music Festival Competition of Canada August 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division 2015-present

Beginner band clinician/saxophone clinician

St. John's Music, Saskatoon, SK 2013-present

Band recruitment officer

2010-present Saskatoon, SK

Private saxophone lessons

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 2013-2015

Undergraduate lessons, master classes

2013-2015 Gainesville, FL

Private saxophone lessons

Saskatoon Public School Division 2009-present

Beginner band clinician/saxophone clinician

PROJECTS/RESEARCH

Saskatchewan Arts Board Independent Artists Program May 2016 - March 2017

Advisory panel member for 2016-2017 program review process

North American Saxophone Alliance Region IX Conference February 2017

World premiere of Songs of Ebb and Flow for saxophone and piano by Paul Suchan

March 2016 North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference (www.saxophonealliance.org)

World premiere of new music for saxophone and piano by Paul Suchan

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Strata New Music Festival, Saskatoon, SK (www.sasknewmusic.com) 2013-present Performer and assistant organizer North American Saxophone Alliance Region XI Conference April 2015 Solo performance and performance by Collision Saxophone Quartet **University of Florida Contemporary Music Festival** 2014-2015 Performer of guest composer works by Cort Lippe and Katharina Rosenberger Adolphe Sax Bicentennial Celebration, University of Florida November 2014 Paper presentation, "Adolphe Sax, 1814-1894: A Survey of His Lasting Influence through the Twentieth and Twenty-first Century" North American Saxophone Alliance Biennial Conference March 2014 Performance by Collision Saxophone Quartet North American Saxophone Alliance Region IX Conference February 2013 - Solo performance and performance by U of S Saxophone Quartet - Paper presentation, "'The Art of Communication': a Discussion of the Connection Between Music and Rhetoric and The Appropriation of Rhetoric to Saxophone Performance Practice in Florent Schmitt's Légende, Op. 66 for Alto Saxophone and Piano" **ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE** Saskatoon Jazz Orchestra 2013-present Saxophonist North Saskatchewan Wind Symphony 2012-present Saxophonist Saskatoon Fireside Singers Production, The Wizard of Oz May 2015 Soprano and alto saxophonist, pit orchestra **University of Florida Wind Symphony** 2013-2015 Principal saxophonist **University of Florida Symphony Orchestra** 2013-2015 Saxophonist **Collision Saxophone Quartet** 2013-2015 Soprano saxophonist Saskatoon Fireside Singers Production, Les Miserables May 2013 Soprano and alto saxophonist, pit orchestra University of Saskatchewan Jazz Ensemble 2010-2013 Saxophonist, lead alto (2011-2013) **University of Saskatchewan Wind Orchestra** 2009-2013 Principal saxophonist (2011-2013) **University of Saskatchewan Contemporary Music Ensemble** 2010-2011 Alto and baritone saxophonist **National Youth Band of Canada** 2009-2011 Principal saxophonist (2010, 2011) WORK EXPERIENCE St. John's Music, Saskatoon, SK 2015-present

Sales Associate, Band Recruitment Officer

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University of Florida Admissions & Advising

Administrative Assistant

School of Music, College of the Arts

University of Saskatchewan

2010-2013

2013-2015

Administrative Assistant

Department of Music, College of Arts & Science

Assistant

Fine Arts Research Lecture Series

Manager/Librarian

University of Saskatchewan Jazz Ensemble

REPERTOIRE/COMMISSIONS

Songs of Ebb and Flow for alto saxophone and piano (Paul Suchan, independent 2016)

- Written for the performer for the North American Saxophone Alliance 2016 Biennial Conference, Lubbock, TX. Premiered March 13, 2016 at the conference

Dinkum Thinkum for soprano saxophone and electronics (Niklas Breman, 2000, revised 2015)

- The composer specifically revised the electronics for the performance by the performer on April 5, 2015

New Stories for alto saxophone and piano (Dorothy Chang, Canadian Music Centre 2013)

- Performed at the 19th International Festival of Women Composers, March 2015
- Awarded the University of Florida College of the Arts Creative Research Award for the performance of *New Stories* at the University of Florida

Assisted Breathing for alto saxophone and electronics (Stephen Leidahl, independent 2014)

- Written for the performer for the 2014 Strata New Music Festival, Saskatoon, SK

Music for alto saxophone and computer (Cort Lippe, independent 1997)

- Performed by the performer and the composer at the University of Florida 2014 Contemporary Music Festival

Look to this Day for baritone voice, alto saxophone and piano (David Kaplan, independent 2013)

- Written for the performer for the 2013 Strata New Music Festival, Saskatoon, SK $\,$

Hold for tenor saxophone, piano, and electronics (Darren Miller, independent 2013)

- Written for the performer for the 2013 Strata New Music Festival, Saskatoon, SK $\,$

Orb of the Sun for tenor saxophone and live electronics (Gordon Fitzell, independent 1999)

- Performed at the 2013 Strata New Music Festival, Saskatoon, SK

Elegy Cadenza for alto saxophone and piano (Glen Gillis, Eighth Note, 2007)

- Performed at the 2013 World Music Contest, Kerkrade, Netherlands

REFERENCES

Dr. Jonathan Helton

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Dr. Glen Gillis

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