

# Jacob M. Shoener

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## Objective:

My main goal as an educator is to inspire my students to better themselves every day as people, students, and musicians, and to help them discover and nurture a lifelong appreciation and love for music and the arts. To strive for continued professional and personal growth as a music educator.

## Education:

**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA

Bachelor of Music Education Degree- Trumpet Concentration- Cumulative G.P.A.- 3.840/4.0

Graduation- May 2019 - Cum Laude

- Dean's List - 7 out of 8 semesters
- PA Instructional I Certification - Music - PK-12
- Relevant Coursework
  - High School Band Emphasis, Instrumental Conducting, Jazz Pedagogy, Jazz Improvisation

**The University of the Arts**, Philadelphia, PA

Master of Music Degree (Jazz Studies) - Trumpet Concentration - Cumulative G.P.A. - 3.92/4.0

Graduation - May 2020

- Relevant Coursework
  - Jazz Pedagogy, MIDI and Music Technology, Graduate Arranging, Graduate Improvisation
- Thesis: *A Chronicle of Anthracite Coal Region Musicians' Cultural Contributions to Jazz and Commercial Music*
- PA Instructional II Certification - Music - PK-12

## Teaching Experience:

**North Schuylkill School District - (August 2020 - Present) - Ashland, PA**

- Director of High School Bands, Music Theory, Guitar Class, Instrumental Music Teacher (7-12) - North Schuylkill Junior - Senior High School (2021 - Present)
- Elementary Music Teacher (K-6)/Director of Elementary Bands - North Schuylkill Elementary School (2020 - 2021)
- Serve as Director of Bands at North Schuylkill Junior - Senior High School (8-12 Competitive Marching Band, 7-12 "Spartan" Marching Band (Football Band), 7-8 Symphonic Band, 9-12 Wind Ensemble, 7-12 Jazz Band). Teach Instrumental Lessons to students in Grades 7-12, 9-12 Guitar Class, and 9-12 Music Theory - (2021- Present)
- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education Winner - 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Recipient, Peter R. Marsh Foundation Middle School Music Grant - 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Grant allowed the Band Program to perform community service concerts at area nursing facilities and expand our community outreach to those who may not be able to attend our regular concerts. It enabled us to purchase much-needed supplies to continue performing our music for others.
- Competition Marching Band - 4X consecutive (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) Tournament of Bands Region 2 Group 1-A Chapter Champions (High Visual, High Percussion, High Music, High Auxiliary). Wind Ensemble selected to perform at Pennsylvania State Capitol - March 2023. Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble selected to perform at Northeast Regional Concert Band

Festival, Ithaca College, May 4, 2024. “Spartan” Marching Band has been invited to perform “The Star-Spangled Banner” at the Philadelphia Phillies (2025), Hershey Bears (2023, 2024), and Reading Royals (2025).

- Increased participation in the Marching Band program by 100% in four years, as well as Band Ensemble offerings at North Schuylkill Junior - Senior High School. Implemented a Pep Band at Winter Sporting Events.
- Formed an all-inclusive Jazz Band (including non-traditional jazz instruments) which I write custom arrangements for with specific educational goals in mind (teaching the blues, jazz improvisation, etc.).
- Founder/Artistic Director - North Schuylkill High School Jazz Festival - featuring guest artist/clinicians working with scholastic jazz ensembles
- Host of 2022 Schuylkill County Senior High Honors Band Festival. Appointed as President of Schuylkill County Band Association for one-year term.
- Prepared student for participation in County, District, Region, and State-level festivals in Concert Band, Orchestra, and Jazz Band.
- Host of 2026 PMEA District 10 Jazz Festival. Appointed to PMEA District 10 Executive Board.
- Host of 2024 Northumberland - Schuylkill Regional Honors Band Festival.
- While at North Schuylkill Elementary, I taught instrumental band lessons to students in Grades 4-6. I doubled the size of the Elementary Band program within one year.
- Co-organized K-3rd General Music Winter Concert, 4th - 6th Winter and Spring Band and Chorus Concerts. Premiered new K-3rd General Music Spring Concert at the special request of administration. Produced all video content for every concert.
- Differentiate instruction to facilitate inclusion of special needs/multicultural students at all levels.
- Create original lesson plans for each class aligned with state and national arts and education standards.
- Diversify lesson plans so they could be taught synchronously and asynchronously to live and remote learners.
- Continually assess students both formally and informally in all classes.
- Collaborate with my music department colleagues on ideas for classroom instruction and public performances. Also, collaborate with the other special subject teachers (art, physical education, technology) on instructional and procedural practices.

#### **Shenandoah Valley School District -**

Assistant Band Director - Shenandoah Valley Junior - Senior High School - Shenandoah, PA -  
(July 2017 - July 2021)

- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education Winner - 2021
- Summer band camp staff member. Able to help communicate efficiently between staff and students.
- Run homogenous and heterogenous instrument group sectionals.
- Assist Director of Bands in rehearsing ensembles.
- Teach all students how to march (Big Ten style and drum corps style).
- Coordinate the live-streaming of all concert events.
- Create an online directory of marching band music for students to access and practice.
- Organize music libraries, update master list of titles in library.
- Assist in repair and maintenance of instruments, as well as make digital inventory of instrumental supplies.

### Student Teaching Experience:

**Wilson School District**, West Lawn, PA

(January - March 2019)

- Conducted 130 piece High School Symphonic Band, 17 piece Jazz Band, 100 piece Symphony Orchestra, and 60 piece Concert Choir.
  - Conducted Symphonic Band in concert on Pierre La Plante's *American Riversongs*.
  - Coached jazz trumpet sectionals weekly on their festival music.
- Instructed a Jazz History/Improvisation course, two sections of Piano Class, co-taught the analysis portion of the AP Music Theory course.
  - Developed unit lesson plans on famous figures in jazz.
  - Assigned presentations to students on historical figures in jazz.
- Differentiated instruction to facilitate inclusion of special needs/multicultural students at all levels.
- Created original lesson plans for each class aligned with state and national arts and education standards.
- Continually assessed students both formally and informally in all classes.

**Wyomissing Area School District**, Wyomissing, PA

(March - April 2019)

- Conducted 4th Grade Band, 5th and 6th Grade Band, 5th and 6th Grade Chorus, and Select Chorus.
  - Led rehearsals with each ensemble.
- Instructed two 5th and 6th Grade General Music classes
  - Developed unit lesson plans for Jazz Appreciation Month in April.
- Elementary Band Lessons
  - Instructed beginning students in weekly instrumental lessons.
- Differentiated instruction to facilitate inclusion of special needs/multicultural students at all levels.
- Created original lesson plans for each class aligned with state and national arts and education standards.
- Continually assessed students both formally and informally in all classes.

### Related Experience:

**Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts -**

Education Department Intern- Kimmel Center, Inc. - Philadelphia, PA

(September 2019- March 2020)

- Report to the Director of Education for Kimmel Center, Inc. with daily administrative and programming tasks, as well as special projects.
- Arrange music of New Orleans Brass Band Tradition specially for after-school program ensembles for school aged children, adapting material to foster their learning experience and stimulate their musical growth.
- Taught after-school Band Program at Mill Creek Recreation Center in West Philadelphia. Grew the size of the program during my time there.
- Students performed in a concert with the Drexel University Jazz Ensembles, February 2019.
- Served as a teaching assistant at Neighborhood Jam Sites, leading jazz jam sessions with area youth musicians, coaching full ensembles, lessons, and sectionals.

**Jacob M. Shoener Trumpet Studio -**

Private Trumpet Instructor - Pottsville, PA -

(June 2019 - Present)

- Teach and maintain a studio of students engaging in private trumpet study.
- Prepare students to reach and accomplish their personal and musical goals in a supportive and welcoming environment.
- Provide students with constructive feedback in a relaxed manner to assist them in their musical journey.

**Evans Delivery Network of Companies -**

File Clerk/Summer Intern (Safety Department) - Schuylkill Haven, PA

(June 2019 - August 2019)

- Sorted, labeled, and organized thousands of truck and driver files for the Safety Department of the Evans Network of Companies.
- Ran background checks on potential hires, adhering to company, state, and federal regulations.
- Used in-house computer databases to obtain driver data to assist in filing and sorting.
- Assisted the head of the Safety Department in special projects and daily administrative tasks.
- Re-organized file cabinet designation system for greater efficiency and speed of pulling files.
- Submitted payment of toll fees and fines.

**Pottsville Area School District**

Volunteer High School Band Assistant- Pottsville Area High School - Pottsville, PA

(June 2015- June 2019)

- Summer band camp volunteer staff member. Helped communicate efficiently between staff and students.
- Served as administrator for band social media accounts.
- Coordinated the live-streaming of all concert events.
- Taught all students how to march (Big Ten style and drum corps style).
- Ran spotlights for all concert events.
- Created an online directory of marching band music for students to access and practice.
- Organized music libraries, updated master list of titles in library.
- Assisted in repair and maintenance of instruments, and made digital inventory of instrumental supplies.

**The Pennsylvania State University- Schuylkill Campus**

Fitness Center Manager

(Summers 2016- 2018)

- Fitness center attendant - responsible for scheduling employees, managing and maintaining exercise equipment.

**City of Pottsville -**

Summer Recreation Program Counselor/Supervisor - Pottsville, PA

(Summers 2014 - 2015)

- Supervised 3 city playgrounds, interacted, encouraged, and educated community children.
- Led children in different games, crafts, and activities.
- Managed USDA Federal Lunch program, adhering to the rules and regulations of said program.

**Tamaqua Area School District**

Volunteer High School Band Assistant- Pottsville Area High School - Pottsville, PA

(Summer 2015)

- Summer band camp volunteer staff member. Helped communicate efficiently between staff and students.
- Served as administrator for band social media accounts.
- Coordinated the live-streaming of all concert events.
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### **Instrumental Performance Experience:**

#### **Graduate Jazz Trumpet Degree Recital (5/1/2020)**

- Performed full masters degree recital video recording project (45 minutes of originally composed and arranged music), as part of the requirements towards the Master of Music degree.

#### **Senior Jazz Trumpet Degree Recital (9/23/2018)**

- Performed full senior jazz recital (45 minutes of music), as part of the requirements towards the Bachelor of Music Education degree.

#### **Jazz Ensemble Experience**

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| • UARTS 'Z' Big Band   | Philadelphia, PA    | (2019 - 2020)    |
| • UARTS Graduate Jazz Ensemble   | Philadelphia, PA    | (2019 - 2020)    |
| • Penn State Centre Dimensions, Jazz Chair                             | University Park, PA | (2017 - 2018)    |
| • M&J Big Band, Band Leader, Jazz Chair                                | Pottsville, PA      | (2013 - present) |
| • Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Alpha Zeta Dance Band, Leader/Jazz Trpt. Chair | University Park, PA | (2017 - 2018)    |

#### **Wind Band/Orchestral Experience**

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| • Penn State Symphonic Wind Ensemble                            | University Park, PA | (2017 - 2018) |
| • Penn State Symphonic Band<br>Principal Trumpet/Section Leader | University Park, PA | (2015 - 2017) |
| • Penn State Philharmonic Orchestra                             | University Park, PA | (2018)        |

#### **Chamber Music Experience**

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| • UARTS Brass Ensemble  | Philadelphia, PA    | (2019)        |
| • Penn State Brass Quintet  | University Park, PA | (2016)        |
| • Penn State Trumpet Ensemble<br>Dr. Langston J. Fitzgerald, III, conductor | University Park, PA | (2015 - 2019) |

#### **Vocal Music Experience**

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| • Cantor/Choir Member, Church of Saint Patrick | Pottsville, PA      | (2019 - present) |
| • The Dreamers A Cappella Group (Phi Mu Alpha) | University Park, PA | (2015 - 2019)    |
| • M&J Big Band                                 | Pottsville, PA      | (2013 - present) |

### **Special Skills and Qualifications:**

- Skills in Microsoft Office Suite, GarageBand, iMovie, FinalCut Pro, MuseScore
- Certified in Modern Band 101 from Little Kids Rock, Inc.
- Certified CPR/First Aid
- Excellent public speaking skills

- Trumpet student of Dr. Langston J. Fitzgerald, III - former trumpeter with the United States Navy Band (Washington D.C.) and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Professor Matthew Gallagher - lead trumpet in the Philly Pops, first-call trumpeter in the Philadelphia area.

### **Professional Associations and Honors:**

- Member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Jazz Education Network, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity.
- Life Member - Penn State Alumni Association, Member - Penn State Alumni Blue Band Association
- Recruitment Coordinator - Tournament of Bands Region 02 - 03/2026 - Present
- Volunteer involved with Good Will Fire Company No. 4 in Pottsville, PA, since 2010.
- Cantor, Traditional Choir Member for St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church- Pottsville, PA.
- Member, Board of Directors - Gabriel Chamber Ensemble - January, 2021 - August, 2022
- Volunteer Coach, Pottsville Area Minor League Baseball
- Past Fraternity Education Officer (F.E.O.) and Social Chairman for the Alpha Zeta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Inc.
  - F.E.O. duties included educating probationary classes on fraternal history and customs.
  - Social Chairman duties included organizing fraternity social events, recruitment events, mixers with Sigma Alpha Iota Women's Music Fraternity.
  - Served as Music Director/Manager of the Dance Band, a Swing Era big band that played on and off-campus events.
    - Organized on-campus swing dance events every semester with the PSU Swing Dance Club.

### **References:**

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