
Bert Johnson

Music Educator

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests are in the area of music technology in education and examining how digital audio workstations can be integrated into existing school music programs.

EDUCATION

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB - *PhD in Music Education (in-progress)*

SEPTEMBER 2022 - PRESENT

Doctoral degree in music education with research interests in the area of music education technology.

McGill University, Montreal, QC - *Bachelor of Education in Music*

SEPTEMBER 2012 - MAY 2014

Teacher training program with practicums in both elementary and secondary schools. Completion of this program led to certification as a K-12 music teacher.

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB - *Master of Music*

SEPTEMBER 2007 - MAY 2009

My area of specialization in the M.Mus program was in jazz piano performance.

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB - *Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Music*

SEPTEMBER 2005 - MAY 2007

This diploma program was an after-degree undergraduate program that offered additional training in the area of jazz piano performance in preparation for graduate studies.

University of Alberta, Camrose, AB - *Bachelor of Music*

SEPTEMBER 2001 - MAY 2005

This B. Mus program was completed at the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta and was the comprehensive stream which offered a jazz piano performance specialization involving both individual and ensemble lessons.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. James-Assiniboia School Division, Winnipeg, MB - *Band & Choir Director*

SEPTEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

- Directing gr. 6-8 band at École Ness in Winnipeg, MB

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB - *Graduate Research Assistant*

SEPTEMBER 2023 - PRESENT

- Conducting research for the ACTOR project under the direction of Dr. Laurie Radford, Music Professor
 - Research focussing on the semantics of timbre in relation to popular music and the use of synthesizers.

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB - *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT

- Assisting with teaching materials for the MUSIC 533/633 course (Jazz Music History).
 - Preparing undergraduate and graduate students for writing the term essay and marking exams.

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB - *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

JANUARY 2023 - APRIL 2023

- Assisting with teaching materials for the MUSIC 230 course (Music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance).
 - Prepared undergraduate students for listening exams, essay preparation and marked all final essays for the course.

Trinity United Church, Winnipeg, MB - *Choir Director*

OCTOBER 2017 - SEPTEMBER 2022

- Directed a church choir for weekly and seasonal services

Pembina Trails School Division, Winnipeg, MB - *Music Teacher*

SEPTEMBER 2016 - JUNE 2021

- Taught general music classes to students in gr. K-4 at École Dieppe in Winnipeg, MB

Garden Valley School Division, Winkler, MB - *Band Director*

SEPTEMBER 2015 - JUNE 2016

- Directed gr. 9-12 bands and taught courses in ICT at Garden Valley Collegiate in Winkler, MB

Evergreen Catholic School Division, Spruce Grove, AB - *Band Director*

SEPTEMBER 2014 - JUNE 2015

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- Directed gr. 5-12 bands and taught Career and Life Management (CALM 20), ELA 10, and elective courses in Rock and Roll History

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB - Teaching Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2008 - MAY 2009

- Developed a curriculum for the basic skills jazz keyboard course
- Taught small classes of non-piano major undergraduate students in basic jazz piano skills and reported grades to professors leading the basic music skills courses

CONFERENCES

University of Calgary, Graduate Music Conference (May 2024))

- 'Jamming' With the Computer: Artificial Intelligence and Jazz Music Education

Tempo Manitoba Music Educators Conference (October 2023)

- Presenter on *Capturing Creativity Through Ableton Live Software*

Tempo Manitoba Music Educators Conference (October 2019)

- Presenter on the topic of *Apps for Music Educators*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Manitoba Teachers Association (September 2015 - present)

St. James-Assiniboia Teachers Association (September 2021 - present)

Canadian Music Educators' Association (September 2023 - present)

Manitoba Band Association (September 2023 - present)

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Articles:

Johnson, B. (2023). Electronic Music School. *Canadian Music Educator*, 64(3), 6–.

Music recordings:

Music album release: The Wild Homes, *Sundowners* (2017)

- Produced and recorded keyboard on this album release

Music album release: Bert Johnson, *Calm and Collected* (2010)

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- Recorded piano on this album along with vocalist Erin Propp

Music album release: Rik Leaf, *Tribe of One* (2009)

- Recorded piano as a sessional musician on the track “Je me souviens”

Awards:

Norman J. Kennedy Graduate Scholarship (fall 2023), awarded \$2800

Elsie Mary Bell Graduate Scholarship in Music (fall 2022), awarded \$14,000

Graduation with distinction from the Bachelor of Music program at the University of Alberta, Augustana Campus (2005)