

Matthew David Curley

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Education:

Western Connecticut State University - Danbury, CT

2010 - 2013

B.S. in Music Education K-12 - Percussion, *Studied under Dave Smith & Patrick Smith*

Member of Wind Ensemble, New Music Ensemble, Opera, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra, Jazz Combos.

Middle Tennessee State University - Murfreesboro, TN

2013 - 2015

M.M. in Percussion Performance. *Studied under Lalo Davila, Julie Davila, & Derrick Phillips.*

Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Band/Percussion department.

Member of Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Steel Band, Salsa Band, Percussion Ensembles, Chamber Percussion.

Work Experience:

Darien Public Schools

August 2019-Present

Middlesex Middle School Band Director

- Conduct 7th and 8th grade band programs & provide 6th grade group lessons
- Conduct the MMS Jazz Ensemble
- Compose & Arrange music for the program
- Taught 4th & 5th bands and lessons at elementary Schools
- Taught a 5th/6th grade Jazz Lab band
- Perform variety of concerts throughout the year with various bands
- Assisted with Darien High School Percussion Ensemble
- Received high marks on observations.

C.H. Barrows STEM Academy

July 2018-July 2019

K-8 General Music Teacher / 4-8 Band Director

- Teach 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade general music classes.
- Teach 4th grade beginning band, and conduct 3 concert bands from 5th-8th grade.
- Present programs, community events and concerts with all grade levels and bands.
- Assisting in development of K-8 music curriculum based on the 2014 NAFME music standards.
- Presented session at 2019 CMEA In-service conference entitled "Keeping percussionists engaged"

Coffee County Public Schools

August 2015 - June 2018

Assistant Band Director/Fine Arts Teacher

- Assisted with direction of the high school marching band for band camp, rehearsals, football games, parades, and competitions.
- Arranged and compose music for the full band's competitive field show.
- Conducted 50-member symphonic wind ensemble, programming concerts, and other performances.
- Taught Winter Percussion, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Basketball Pep Band, as well as group lessons.
- Developed curriculum for new guitar course for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Received high marks for all observations.
- Created and taught a thorough K-5 general music curriculum based on NAFME music education standards.
- Organized school programs for Veterans Day, Holiday Sing-a-long, Kindergarten Graduation, and 5th grade graduation.

Composer, MattCurley.com

2014 - Present

Published Music Composer

- Works for Percussion published by Row-loff Publications and C. Alan publications.
- Pieces have been performed across the United States.

- Various pieces currently on Texas and Illinois State Solo & Ensemble lists.

Huckleberry Hill Elementary School & Stratford High School

January 2013 - May 2013

Student Teacher

- Prepared lesson plans for fourth grade general music and band and taught under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald.
- Prepared thorough lesson plans for music theory class, concert band, wind ensemble, jazz band, guitar and more, and taught under the direction of Dr. Mark Ryan.

Middle Tennessee State University

May 2013 - May 2015

Band Graduate Assistant

- Assisted in the instruction, administrative, and organizational duties for the MTSU Band of Blue.
- Assisted Director of Bands with events and concert preparation, promotion, and logistics.
- Assisted Director of Athletic Bands with event and travel preparation and logistics.
- Conducted MTSU Football and Basketball pep bands.

Percussion Graduate Assistant

- Taught private lessons to freshman through senior level college percussionists.
- Conducted percussion ensemble rehearsals and performances.
- Assisted and performed with the MTSU Steel band.
- Taught the MTSU Band of Blue percussion section.
- Managed percussion studio events and guest artist arrangements.

Innovative Percussion Inc.

Summers of 2013 - 2014

Manufacturing Employee

- Assembled, tested, and performed quality control processes for percussion mallets and sticks in a warehouse setting.

Endorsed Artist

- Endorsed by Innovative Percussion Inc. as a Percussion Educator Artist.

Western Connecticut State University

Band & String Camp Counselor/Instructor

2010 - 2012

- Taught lessons to students from fifth grade to high school in a range of instruments, genres, and styles.

Event Worker

January 2010 - May 2013

- Set up the stage for concerts and events in the WCSU Concert Hall and other venues on campus.
- Collected inventory and completed odd jobs for the WCSU Music Department.

Front Ensemble and Battery Percussion Instructor

2010 - Present

- Taught and arranged music throughout marching band and winter percussion seasons.
- Effectively maintained and repaired percussion equipment.
- Lead marching band and winter percussion ensembles at high schools in Connecticut and Tennessee including Bethel High School, Plainfield High School, Newtown High School, New Milford High School, Darien High School, Oakland High School, Wilson Central High School, and Fred J. Page High School.

Performance Experience:

- Performed as percussionist with the West Hartford Symphony **2019**
- Featured performer and composer with Confluence Percussion Duo at ECSU faculty showcase **2018**
- Member of 2015 & 2016 Make Music Day in Nashville, TN, premiering works for percussion. **2015 - 2016**
- Percussionist at the Larry Keeton Theatre in Nashville, TN, **2013 - 2017**
- Member of first place MTSU Chamber percussion ensemble at 2014 PASIC Convention, **2014**
- Hired professional for pit percussion, drum set, and string bass for musical theater productions of "West Side Story," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Oklahoma," "The King and I," and many more, **2008 - Present**
- Experience with various community and professional orchestras and wind bands from Tennessee,

Connecticut and Rhode Island, **2009 - Present**