

Curriculum Vitae - Joel E. Gordon

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1a. NOTABLE PERFORMANCES (RECORDED)

{trés} - classical saxophone piano trio (soprano sax/tenor sax/piano)

“Centennial” - Recorded 2018-2019 at University of Iowa Voxman School of Music
Released September 2020 - Navona Records

Personnel:

José Antonio Zayas Cabán (multiple saxophones)

Casey Rafn (piano)

Ryan Smith (tenor saxophone)

Shelley Washington (bari saxophone)

Joel Gordon (tenor saxophone)

Matt Cook Collective - small progressive jazz ensemble

“Along Those Lines” - Recorded January 2017 at Westend Studios
Released June 2017 - Radio Therapy Records

Personnel:

Matt Cook (tenor)

Joel Gordon (alto and flute)

Tommy Johnson Jr. (trumpet)

Matthew Clinkenbeard (guitar)

Nick Brown (bass)

Nate McDonald (drums)

“2016 Tour EP” - Recorded December 2015 at Homers and March 2016 at Westend Studios
Released August 2016 - Independent

Personnel:

Matt Cook (tenor and trumpet)

Joel Gordon (alto and soprano)

Derek Pyle (trombone)

Matthew Clinkenbeard (guitar and sitar)

Peter Eddins (keyboards)

Nick Brown (bass)

Nate McDonald (drums)

1b. NOTABLE PERFORMANCES (LIVE)

{trés} - classical saxophone piano trio (soprano sax/tenor sax/piano).

- 2019
Thursday Musical - Minneapolis, MN
DrinKraft - Columbia, MO

- 2018
International Saxophone Symposium - Fairfax, VA
Flyover - Columbia, MO
Eastern Connecticut University - Willimantic, CT
Mansfield University - Mansfield, PA
American Single Reed Summit - Kirksville, MO
St. Louis College of Pharmacy - St. Louis, MO

- 2017
Johnson County Community College - Overland Park, KS
Northwest Missouri State University - Maryville, MO
University of Missouri Columbia - Columbia, MO

Matt Cook Collective - small progressive jazz ensemble.

- 2023
Homer's Coffee House - Overland Park, KS

- 2022
Cinder Block Brewery - North Kansas City, MO
Iron District - North Kansas City, MO

- 2019
Park Hill South High School (guest artist) - Riverside, MO
The Brick - Kansas City, MO
The Rino - Kansas City, MO
Arts, Rhythm, and Brews - Maryville, MO

- 2018
Corbin Theatre - Liberty, MO
The Pub - Maryville, MO
Westport Coffeehouse - Kansas City, MO

- 2017
Eighth Street Tap Room - Lawrence, KS
WestEnd Conservatory - Milwaukee, WI
Elastic Arts - Chicago, IL
Urban Artifact - Cincinnati, OH
Curtain Call Lounge - St. Louis, MO
Green Lady Lounge - Kansas City, MO
Downtown Parkville - Parkville, MO

- 2016
California Clipper - Chicago, IL
Des Moines Social Club - Des Moines, IA
Magoon's Delicatessen - St. Joseph, MO
Homer's Coffee House - Overland Park, KS

- 2015
Uptown Arts Bar - Kansas City, MO
Gabe's - Iowa City, IA
Pickler's Famous - Kirksville, MO
RecordBar - Kansas City, MO

Joel Gordon's Happy Habitat - cordless jazz quartet.

- 2024 Johnson County Community College - Overland Park, KS
- 2023 Park Hill Jazz Showcase (ft. Drew Williams) - Kansas City, MO
- 2022 Cafe Mustache - Chicago, IL
Fulton Street Collective (ft. Artie Black) - Chicago, IL
- 2019 Westport Coffeehouse (ft. Stephen Martin) - Kansas City, MO
The Fields at 1890 - Platte City, MO
- 2018 SaxQuest (ft. Tim AuBuchon) - St. Louis, MO
Truman State University - Kirksville, MO
Johnson County Community College - Overland Park, KS
Corbin Theatre - Liberty, MO
Westport Coffeehouse (ft. Adam Larson) - Kansas City, MO

Additional Notable Performances

- 2023 Vine Street Rumble @ NWMSU Jazz Festival - Maryville, MO
Joel Gordon Duo @ The Shop Cigar Lounge - Kansas City, KS
Joel Gordon Duo @ The Craic on Main - Parkville, MO
KC FLO - various events/locations
St. Joe Big Band @ Glenn Miller Festival - Clarinda, Iowa
Cameron Municipal Band - Cameron, MO
Joel Gordon Trio - Barley & Vine - Platte City, MO
- 2022 Jazz Worship Service @ Pine Ridge Church - Kansas City, MO
Jim Lower Trio: Jazz Kitchen - Kansas City, KS
Cameron Municipal Band - Cameron, MO
Patrick Lentz Band - various events/locations
KC FLO - various events/locations
St. Joe Big Band: Ground Round - St. Joseph, MO
Joel Gordon Trio - Trago Bar & Tapas - Kansas City, MO
Joel Gordon Trio - Sail Away Wine - North Kansas City, MO
- 2019 Midnight Blue Jazz: 424 Lounge - Leavenworth, KS
Faux Piano Man: VooDoo Lounge - Kansas City, MO
- 2018 Duo w/ Doug Perkins: Soirée New Orleans Bistro - Smithville, MO
Faux Piano Man: Knuckleheads Saloon - Kansas City, MO
Faux Piano Man: Encore Room - Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Duo w/ DJ Sheppa: One KC Place (private event) - Kansas City, MO
- 2016 Joel Gordon Duo: Vineyards Restaurant - Weston, MO
- 2015 Drew Williams Nonet: Westport Coffeehouse - Kansas City, MO
Trouble Clefs Big Band: Kauffman Center - Kansas City, MO

2a. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING (PUBLIC SCHOOL)

Kirksville R-3 School District, Kirksville, MO

2019-2021 Instrumental Music Instructor - Teaching Assistant

Teaching Responsibilities:

- Rehearsing and assessing concert, marching, and jazz ensembles (100+ students).
- Incorporating differentiated instruction to engage students of various learning styles.
- Developing marching band drills, choreography, and feedback procedures.

Courses Taught:

- Sixth and Seventh Grade Brass and Woodwinds
- Eighth Grade Concert Band
- High School Concert Band and Symphonic Band
- High School Jazz Ensemble
- High School Field and Street Marching Band

Program Notable Achievements

2019-2020 Missouri Days Marching Festival - Grand Champion
CMU Band Day Marching Field Competition - Class 3rd Place

Platte County R-3 School District, Platte City, MO

2016-2019 Instrumental Music Teacher - Certified Staff

Teaching Responsibilities:

- Constructing framework for beginner and intermediate middle school band (200+ students).
- Rehearsing high school concert, marching, and jazz ensembles (200+ students).
- Incorporating differentiated instruction to engage students of various learning styles.
- Collaborating within a district staff of fifteen music educators for a vertical curriculum.

Courses Taught:

- Sixth and Seventh Grade Brass and Woodwinds
- Eighth Grade Concert Band and Jazz Band
- High School Concert Band and Symphonic Band
- High School Jazz Combo and Jazz Ensemble
- High School Field and Street Marching Band

Program Notable Achievements

2018-2019 University of Missouri/Rock Bridge Jazz Festival - Grand Champions
Cameron Marchfest - Grand Champions
Park Hill District Marching Festival - Outstanding Woodwinds

2017-2018 MWSU Tournament of Champions - Grand Champions
Odessa Marching Invitational - Grand Champions
Lee's Summit North Marching Invitational - Class 1st Place

2016-2017 Festivals of Music Competition (Orlando, FL) - Grand Champions
UCM Festival of Champions - 4th Place Overall
NWMSU Jazz Festival - 3rd Place Middle School Division

2b. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING (PRIVATE STUDIO)

2013-Present Applied Saxophone Instructor - Freelance

- Teaching private lessons in concert classical and jazz improvisation.
- Preparing students for solo contests and honor band auditions.
- Evaluating and charting individual student progress and mapping course of study.

Student Notable Achievements

- 2023 Will Kimlinger (MO All-State Band 2nd Chair - Bari)
Will Kimlinger (MO All-State Jazz 1st Alt. - Bari)
- 2022 Will Kimlinger (MO All-State Band 2nd Alt. - Bari)
Will Kimlinger (MO All-State Jazz 1st Alt. - Bari)
- 2021 Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Band 2nd Chair - Alto)
Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Jazz 1st Chair - Alto)
Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Jazz 1st Chair - Tenor)
- 2020 Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Band 2nd Chair - Alto)
Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Jazz 1st Alt. - Tenor)
Carter Beucher - Performance Series at Carnegie Hall
Jake Richardson - Performance Series Carnegie Hall
- 2019 Austin Allen - Northwinds Concerto Competition - Finalist
Carter Beucher - Interlochen Saxophone Institute
Carter Beucher - NAFME All-National Concert Band
Payton Beucher - NYU Broadway Winds
- 2018 Andreas Kellepouris (MO All-State Band 5th HM - Alto)
Austin Allen - Interlochen Saxophone Institute
Austin Allen - NAFME All-National Concert Band
Austin Allen (MO All-State Band 1st HM - Bari)
Carter Beucher (MO All-State Band 2nd Chair - Alto)
Carter Beucher (MO All-State Jazz 1st Alt. - Alto)
Jackson Krop (MO All-State Band 1st Chair - Tenor)
Jake Richardson MO All-State (Band 2nd Alt. - Bari)
Will Duncan (MO All-State Band 3rd Chair - Alto)
- 2017 Austin Allen (MO All-State Band 2nd Chair - Bari)
Carter Beucher (MO All-State Band 2nd Alt. - Alto)
Carter Beucher (MO All-State Jazz 2nd HM - Tenor)

Student Notable Performances

- Concerto - Glazunov (alto)
- Concerto - Creston (alto)
- Cello Suite in G Major - Bach (bari)
- Scaramouche - Milhaud (alto)
- Sonata - Creston (alto)
- Sonatine Sportive - Tchérepnin (alto)
- Tableaux de Provence - Maurice (alto)

2c. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING (JUDGE/CLINICIAN)

Northland Symphony Youth Saxophone Ensemble, Kansas City, MO

2022-Present Director - Northland Symphony Orchestra Association

- Recruiting top-tier students for saxophone ensemble experience.
- Lead in musical rehearsals in preparation for performance.
- Working on a team of directors to bring the best out of students in a short period.

KC Area Youth Jazz, Kansas City, MO

2018-2019 Assistant Music Director - Burnett Music Foundation

- Recruiting top-tier students for summer studio jazz experience.
- Assisting in musical rehearsals in preparation for recording and performance.
- Working on a team of artists to bring the best out of students in a short period.

Northland Student Jam Session, Kansas City, MO

2018-2019 Program Coordinator - Joel Gordon Music

- Booking spaces and coordinating hosts as well as area band directors
- Organizing and explaining the structure of age-appropriate music and artistic suggestions
- Demonstrating collaboration and steering student improvisers of various levels

Notable Jam Events

2019 Liberty North High School - Liberty, MO
 Staley High School - Kansas City, MO
 First Christian Church of NKC - North Kansas City, MO

2018 Platte County High School - Platte City, MO
 Park Hill High School - Kansas City, MO
 Smithville High School - Smithville, MO

Additional Notable Clinics/Adjudicating

2023 NWMSU Jazz Festival Adjudicator - Maryville, MO
 Park Hill Middle School Band Festival Clinician - Kansas City, MO

2022 International Conference for Saxophone Performance & Pedagogy
 KMEA All-District Audition Prep Clinic @ MNU - Olathe, KS
 Improvisation Prep Clinic @ Park Hill South HS - Riverside, MO
 Improvisation Prep Clinic @ Platte County HS - Platte City, MO
 Park Hill Middle School Band Festival Clinician - Riverside, MO

2021 NWMMEA All-District JH Jazz Band Clinician - St. Joseph, MO

2020 Taft High School Jazz Ensemble Clinic - San Antonio, TX
 Kirksville High School Jazz Ensemble Clinic - Kirksville, MO

- 2019 Truman State University (Presentation) - Kirksville, MO
Park Hill High School Solo/Ensemble Prep Judge - Kansas City, MO
Liberty North High School Solo/Ensemble Prep Judge - Liberty, MO
- 2018 Missouri All-State Jazz Band Auditions Judge - Columbia, MO
NWMMEA All-District JH Band Auditions Judge - St. Joseph, MO
Charlie Parker Celebration Bebop Bootcamp - Kansas City, MO
American Jazz Museum "Jazz Academy" Sub - Kansas City, MO
Bernard Campbell Middle School Jazz Band Clinic - Lee's Summit, MO
Smithville High School Jazz Band Auditions Judge - Smithville, MO
- 2017 Platte City Middle School (w/ MCC)
Liberty SD Middle School Solo/Ensemble Judge - Liberty, MO
NWMMEA All-District HS Band Auditions Judge - St. Joseph, MO
- 2016 NWMMEA All-District JH Band Auditions Judge - St. Joseph, MO
- 2015 Park Hill High School (w/ MCC) - Kansas City, MO
Park Hill South High School (w/ MCC) - Riverside, MO
Oak Park High School (w/ MCC) - Kansas City, MO
Staley High School (w/ MCC) - Kansas City, MO
Platte County High School (w/ MCC) - Platte City, MO
Carlisle High School (w/ MCC) - Carlisle, IA
Waukee High School (w/ MCC) - Waukee, IA
Waukee Middle School (w/ MCC) - Waukee, IA
Southeast Polk High School (w/ MCC) - Pleasant Hill, IA

2d. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING (MATERIALS)

Junior High

- Chromatic Karate
- Daily Dozen Warmups
- Intermediate Brass Class Chop Builders
- Intermediate Brass Class Lip Slurs
- Beginning Improvisation through World Music

High School

- MO All-State Jazz Improv Line Writing
- Common Chord Spellings and Notation & Decoding Chord Intervals
- Six Steps to Jazz Piano Comping for the "Non Pianist"
- The Geometric Proof of Improvisation Balance

3a. FORMAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

2015-2016 Master of Arts in Education of Music

- Graduated 4.0 GPA and Missouri Educational K-12 Music Certification.
- Teaching Internships in instrumental, vocal, and early childhood music.
- Research in middle school student self-regulation and attribution theory.

Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

2011-2015 Bachelor of Arts in Music, Instrumental (Jazz Studies Minor)

- Graduated Cum Laude & Departmental Honors
- Extensive large ensemble, chamber, and solo performances
- Customized coursework and research in jazz education and pedagogy.

PRIVATE STUDY

Fall 2015 Mr. Mike Tripp (Electric Bass - Freelance)

Spring 2015 Mrs. Chelsea Zellner (Flute - TSU Grad. Asst.)

Fall 2014 Mr. Matthew Mussleman (Drums - TSU Grad. Asst.)

2011-2014 Dr. Randy Smith (Classical Saxophone - TSU)

2013-2015 Prof. Tim AuBuchon (Improv, Composition, Rhythm Section - TSU)

2012-2013 Dr. José Antonio Zayas Cabán (Classical Saxophone - TSU)

Summer 2014 Prof. Matt Otto (Improv - KU)

Summer 2012 Prof. Bob Long (Improv - MWSU)

2009-2011 Dr. Neal Ostercamp (Classical Saxophone & Improv - Freelance)

Summer 2009 Prof. Tim Timmons (Classical Saxophone - UMKC)

SOLO COMPETITIONS

- Naftzger Young Artist Auditions - Semifinalist
- MMTA Woodwind Division - Winner (2x)
- TSU Gold Medal Competition - Finalist
- Northwinds Concerto Competition - Winner

SAXOPHONE SOLO LITERATURE PERFORMED

- Aria - Ibert (alto)
- Beau Soir - Debussy, arr. Rousseau (tenor)
- Concerto - Glazunov (alto)
- Concertino - Benson (alto)
- Concertino de Camera - Ibert (alto)

- Improvisation I - Noda (alto)
- Partita (A Minor) - Bach (alto)
- Persuasion - Nestico (alto)
- Prelude, Cadence, and Finale - Desenclos (alto)
- Scaramouche - Milhaud (alto)
- Senarade - Bencriscutto (alto)
- Seventh Healing Song of John Joseph (Blue), The - DeMars (alto)
- Sixth Sense - Yasinitzky (alto)
- Solo - Heiden (alto)
- Sonata - Creston (alto)
- Sonata - Heiden (alto)
- Sonata - Di Pasquale (tenor)
- Tableaux de Provence - Maurice (alto)

LARGE AND CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

- Wind Symphony (CBDNA Regional and MMEA performances, Chicago Tour, SEMO Tour)
- Jazz Ensemble (guest artists John McNeil + Ethan Iverson, Kansas City and St. Louis Tours)
- Jazz Combos (North Star Music Festival, Josh Quenlin Masterclass)
- Normal Saxophone Quartet (MTNA Honorable Mention, Midwest Tour, Composer Colabs)

SAXOPHONE QUARTET LITERATURE PREFORMED (all bari)

- Andante et Scherzo - Bozza
- Back Burner - Ticheli
- Grave et Presto - Riviere
- Saxophone Quartet, Op. 102 - Schmitt
- Saxophone Quartet, Op. 109 - Glazunov
- Six Bagatelles - Ligeti
- Strange Humors - Mackey
- Three Improvisations - Woods
- Upward Stream, The - Peck

LARGE ENSEMBLE FEATURES

- Mothership for Band - Mason Bates (Wind Symphony, alto + soprano)
- Stella by Starlight - arr. Bill Holeman (Jazz Ensemble, alto)
- Black Bottom Stomp - arr. Jackson Stock (Jazz Ensemble, clarinet)
- Across the Track Blues - Duke Ellington (Jazz Ensemble, clarinet)

MERIT AWARDS

- Theodore Presser Award
- Phi Mu Alpha - Robert Scott Marshall Award
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Phi Kappa Lambda

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

- TruScholars Research Scholar (conducting interviews and research on jazz in the midwest)
- David Liebman Masterclass (selective week-long program with students from over the world)
- TSU Leadership Scholar (full tuition and room/board scholarship – 20 students per year)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- TSU Upsilon Phi JazzFest Chair
- Rehoboth Baptist Church Worship Leader
- TSU Music Theory and Aural Skills Tutor