

Ben Hammond

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Summary

- Motivated, multifaceted, engaging musician and group leader with theoretical and practical background in computers and new media production.

Education

B.Mus. Honours in Music Technology 2006

McGill University, Montreal, QC Canada

Concentration in Jazz Voice; 3.8 G.P.A.

High School Diploma 2001

Fryeburg Academy, Fryeburg, ME United States

3.94 G.P.A.

Musical Activities

- Composed, Organized Musicians and Personnel, Financed, Co-Produced, Co-Performed and Independently Released full length album of original material entitled “(Reasonably) Honest” at Phase One Studios in Toronto, ON. Mastered at Sterling Sound in NYC.
- Personally organized, arranged venues, advertised and executed solo tour of New Zealand to promote new original music. Follow-up record release tour tentatively planned for 2009.
- Sold-out performance at the Montreal International Jazz Festival with Effusion and Joel Miller.
- Vice President of Administration, Arranger, Soloist, and Vocal Percussionist of Effusion A Cappella. Group has toured in Northeastern US and across Canada, including Festival 500 featuring Bobby McFerrin. New England ICCA Champions in 2004 and finalists in the International Finals in New York City. Personally received ICCA Vocal Percussion Award for performance in 2003.
- Guest vocalist on Juno-nominated album “Maple Groove” by Rancee Lee on Justin Time Records.
- Vocalist, Guitarist and/or Bassist as soloist and in numerous bands of varying styles (Jazz, Hip-Hop, Funk, Rock, Folk, Electronic). Extensive gigging and recording work in professional, academic and private settings, including international and regional tours, regular performances and festival appearances.
- Sole recipient of Maine State One-Act Play Festival Award for scoring and musical adaptation of “Wiley and the Hairy Man” and Maine State Best Male Jazz Vocalist in 2001.

Technical Skills

Computer

- Proficient in C/C++, Java, PHP, HTML/CSS/Javascript. Extensive use of Windows, Macintosh and UNIX systems. Fluent in Finale, Adobe Photoshop, Quicktime Pro, Flash, Microsoft Office, Protools, Max/MSP, Quickbooks and many others. Creation of digital home studio recordings and short digital films, and DVD authoring.

Web / Design

- Design and management of multiple websites, some regularly receiving over 100 hits per day. Creation of multiple format video and audio, including experience with streaming servers. Album cover and poster design for paying clients.

Volunteer Experience

Books For Baghdad

- Personally organized a fundraising concert which collected dozens of textbooks and hundreds of dollars in donations.
- Assisted in shipping of over \$10,000 in textbooks to Baghdad University.

*September 2004-
April 2005*

Neuromusic

- In-patient music therapy at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

*September 2003-
May 2004*

Work Experience

Private Instructor

- Provided paid private instruction to multiple students on a weekly basis.
- Taught students in voice, acoustic guitar and electric bass, including both music theory and performance technique in a wide variety of styles.

*May-2005 -
July 2006*

Solo Musician, Many Restaurants and Bars in New England, Florida and New Zealand. Please ask for references.

- Play solo jazz and pop (including originals) 4 hours per night, multiple times per week. Perform with guitar and voice, including live harmonization and multi-tracking using a looping pedal and PA system.

June 2005-Current

Retail Sales and Executive Assistant, Thomas Hammond and Son.

- Initiated and supervised implementation of QuickBooks Pro to replace outdated paper-based record keeping and customer billing. Provided customer assistance with billing, material selection, and small project design. Worked as part of a team, was personally responsible for opening and closing store.
- Designed, coded and maintained company website using HTML, PHP, CSS, and Adobe Photoshop. Responsible for graphic design projects, including promotional materials, informational brochures and advertising.
- Assisted Executive with billing, large scale project design and materials quotes.
- Worked outdoors operating heavy machinery including power saws, chain saws and fork lifts.

*Summers
2001-02, 2005*

Server, Bartender, Kitchen Assistant, Bellini's Ristorant, Currach Irish Pub.

- Relayed nightly specials to customers from memory, served food and alcohol in a fast paced environment to high end clientele, prepared food and oversaw nightly cleanup.
- Worked from opening day in new location, assisted in developing work routines and solutions to the newly opened restaurant's unique problems.

*Summer 2004
Nov 06-Mar 07*

Assistant Manager and Design Consultant, Artful Dodger.

- Assisted in art gallery design, construction, layout and installation.
- Managed featured artists and their work, was responsible for recruiting and reviewing new talent.
- In charge of billing and bookkeeping, including purchasing and consignment of individual artist's work, wholesale art, and framing costs.
- Responsible for image, including logo, website, advertising and layout.

*Summers
2002-2003*