

Samuel Louis Taylor

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Education

Master of Music in Music Education, Bowling Green State University | (In Progress)

Bachelor of Music, SUNY Potsdam – The Crane School of Music | May 2022

- **Double Major:** Music Education and Musical Studies (Composition)
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Certifications

- **New York State Initial Certificate**, Music K–12 | *Issued 2024*
 - **Emergency COVID-19 Certificate**, Music K–12 | *Issued 2022*
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Teaching Experience

Instrumental Music Teacher (Grades 4–12)

Otselic Valley Central School District, NY | Aug. 2023 – Present

- Increased student participation by 40% over three years
- Taught 26 small group lessons and 6 ensembles weekly
- Advisor: Drama Club, Marching Band, Lighting & Sound Coordinator

Student Teacher

Durgee Junior High School, Baldwinsville, NY | Mar. – May 2022

- Delivered instrumental music instruction for grades 8–9
- Assisted in ensemble prep for NYSSMA Solo Festival
- Directed after-school jazz band

Student Teacher

Gillette Road Middle School, North Syracuse, NY | Jan. – Mar. 2022

- Designed and implemented curriculum for brass and percussion (grades 5–7)
- Co-directed 6th & 7th grade bands; established 5th-grade beginning band

Group Tutor – Student Success Center, SUNY Potsdam | 2020–2021

- Conducted virtual instruction in music theory and academic support

Walk-in Tutor – Student Success Center, SUNY Potsdam | 2019–2020

- Provided drop-in tutoring for core theory courses across multiple levels

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Freelance Music Engraver Self-Employed | 2017–Present

- Transcribe handwritten scores and prepare clean, performance-ready parts for clients, primarily marching bands.

SELECTED COMPOSITIONS & CREATIVE WORKS

- **Brise** (2021) – B ♭ Trumpet Trio. Premiered by J. Wheeler, J. Stowell, D. Wolfe.
- **How Did We Come to Be Here** (2021) – Fixed Media.
- **I Want the Songbirds Back** (2021) – Eurorack Synthesis.
- **Lizards in Plane Ships...** (2020) – Alto & Tenor Saxophone. Premiered at Snell Hall.
- **False Wonk** (2019) – Saxophone Choir. Premiered by Crane Saxophone Ensemble.
- **Advice** (2019) – String Quartet.
- **Fragments of a Puzzle** (2018) – Wind Ensemble.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- **Mid-York Concert Band**, Norwich (2023–Present)
- **Norwich City Concert Band** (2023–Present)
- **Southern Tier Concert Band** (2025–Present)
- **Greene High School Musical Pit Orchestra** (2025)
- **Crane Wind Ensemble** (2019–2020)
- **Crane Jazz Ensemble** (Lead Trumpet, 2019–2020)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Composers, USA (NACUSA)
- Society for Electroacoustic Music in the United States (SEAMUS)
- New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)

REFERENCES

Dr. Timothy R. Sullivan Professor of Music Theory & Composition, SUNY Potsdam

Dr. Michael A. Vitalino Associate Professor of Music Theory, SUNY Potsdam

Dr. Jerod Sommerfeldt Associate Professor of Music Theory & Composition, SUNY Potsdam

(Contact information available upon request)