Blade Hicks

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EDUCATION

Berea College Berea, KY

BA in Music, Cum Laude.

Aug 2023

o Groups: Black Music Ensemble, Afro-Latin Percussion Ensemble.

Projects and Publications

- ThanatoFenestra: A collaborative student research project to program and fabricate a projection based family altar designed to manipulate images from sensory input via a tea-candle flame. Personal contributions include package design and fabrication, OpenCV scripting for photo manipulation, documentation, and conference entry.
- Garden Sampler Quilted Tapestry: One of nine student laborers to design and produce a quilt block contributing to the weaving department's inaugural quilt project. The quilt is available at Design Within Reach and the Log House Craft Gallery.

Experience

Berea College Berea, KY

Work-Study

Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2018, Jan 2022 - Aug 2023

- o Weaver, Student Craft: Designed and produced handmade textiles utilizing vintage and computer-aided shuttle looms. Undertook and facilitated loom maintenance and troubleshooting. Cut and sew studio finishing.
- o Teaching Assistant, Music Department Theory Program: Music lab and substitute class instruction. Record keeping and archival of student attendance, assignments, and exams.
- o Teaching Assistant, Music Department Studio Laboratory: Live sound mix engineer for department events and DAW implementation for music studio conversion.
- o Ensemble Archivist, College Gospel Choir (Black Music Ensemble): Designed and implemented a digital database archiving physical and digital media from 1969 through 2017.
- o Departmental Assistant, Music Department Administrative Office: Independently implemented bottom-up building maintenance, cleaning, and provided event stage management.
- Livestock Farmhand, College Farm: Execute daily livestock feeding, grazing adjustment, and groundskeeping. Transport harvest from the farm to the college's farm store.

Awards

- Outstanding Student Work-study Award: Berea College, 2017
- Merit Scholarship: St. John's College, 2021

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Programming**: Python, C/C++, HTML, CSS, OpenCV.
- Fabrication: Inventor Autodesk, 3D printing, laser cutting, Arduino.
- Audio/Music: Ableton, Logic Pro, SuperCollider, sound design, electronic music composition.
- Other: Operations management, creative writing, ceramics, Detroit and Neapolitan style pizza making, sourdough bread baking, specialty coffee home-barista.
- Interests: Brazilian BBQ, stand-up comedy, indoor rowing, rock climbing, soccer, ping-pong, algorave.
- Languages: English (native), Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German (elementary proficiency).