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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Versatile and passionate music educator, performer, and director with over 15 years of experience across different continents. Skilled in teaching Jazz, Classical, Contemporary, Gospel, and African Ethnic music to students of all ages and abilities, including those with special needs. Adept at curriculum development, ensemble direction, performance coaching, and music therapy. A visionary leader who combines creativity with structured learning, and a committed mentor who inspires excellence in individuals and groups.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Music & Education Skills:

Piano & Multi-Instrument Instruction | Music Theory & Sight-Reading | Ensemble & Choir Direction | Vocal Coaching | Music Composition & Arrangement | Music Therapy (Children & Teens) | Curriculum Development | Performance Preparation | Private & Group Instruction

Professional Attributes:

Artistic Direction | Student Mentorship | Workshop & Event Facilitation | Inclusive Learning Practices | Cross-cultural Communication | Church & Faith-Based Music Leadership | Special Needs Engagement

Technical Tools:

Logic Pro | GarageBand | MuseScore | Microsoft Office | Google Workspace | Zoom & Online Teaching Platforms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Music Instructor | *Académie des Petits Musiciens - Paris, France* | January 2025 – Present

- Teach foundational music skills to young children through playful and structured activities
- Create engaging lesson plans focused on rhythm, ear training, and expressive creativity
- Promote teamwork, active listening, and early music literacy through group classes

Music Director, Parents Choir | *L'école Aujourd'hui – Paris, France* | May 2025 – Present

- Lead and direct the school's parents choir through weekly rehearsals, training, and scheduled performances
- Curate and arrange accessible repertoire suited to amateur vocalists and school community events
- Foster a welcoming, inclusive musical space that strengthens school spirit and parental involvement

Artistic & Music Director | *The Jeen Tribe Gospel Band – Paris, France* | 2024 – Present

- Oversee the creative vision and musical direction of a multicultural artistic collective
- Organize and lead rehearsals, compose and arrange performance material, and manage stage productions
- Collaborate with a diverse range of artists to produce socially conscious and culturally rich performance

Founder & Artistic Director | *Hope Centre for Modern Music – Paris, France* | 2023 – Present

- Founded and operate a hybrid music school offering both virtual and in-person instruction
- Develop comprehensive curriculum covering piano, music theory, and ensemble performance
- Coordinate lessons, student development, and recitals, while managing all administrative functions

Volunteer Musician | *The Bridge Church – Paris, France* | 2022 – Present

- Serve as part of the worship team, contributing to live musical performances during weekly services and special events

- Support musical arrangements and improvisations across diverse genres including gospel, contemporary worship, and soul
- Collaborate closely with vocalists, instrumentalists, and media teams to create a cohesive and spiritually uplifting worship experience

Freelance Music Instructor, Private & Group | *Superprof - Global* | 2021 – Present

- Deliver personalized instruction in piano and other musical instruments across various genres and proficiency levels
- Adapt teaching methods to suit students' goals, learning styles, and cultural backgrounds
- Prepare students for concerts, graded exams, auditions, and personal development
- Conduct lessons both in-person and online, ensuring flexibility and accessibility

Orchestra Instructor | *Lycée Français Louis Pasteur (French School International)* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2017 – 2020

- Instructed on the use of a variety of instruments including violin, cello, saxophone, recorder, drums, and guitar
- Prepared students for recitals, concerts, and professional careers in music
- Collaborated with international artists for workshops and masterclasses
- Mentored students in musical leadership and performance excellence

Music Specialist / Music Therapist | *Xela Care (Special Needs Education)* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2017 - 2021

- Designed and delivered music therapy sessions for children and teens with special needs
- Applied eurhythmic, repetition, and improvisation to improve motor skills, focus, and cognitive development
- Provided one-on-one piano, guitar, and drums instruction tailored to the emotional and developmental needs of each student

Music Instructor | *Chrisland School VGC* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2015 – 2017 (Seasonal)

- Conducted structured music classes for elementary and junior secondary school students, focusing on piano performance and foundational music literacy.
- Developed age-appropriate music theory curriculum and instrumental practice schedules.
- Coordinated end-of-term recitals and school worship presentations, engaging both students and parents.

Piano Instructor & Assistant Music Director | *SPAN Academy of Jazz and Contemporary Music* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2013 – 2021

- Spearheaded the Piano Department, designing and delivering curriculum for various ability levels
- Instructed students in music theory, sight-reading, improvisation, and stage performance
- Led masterclasses with international guest artists and organize school-wide concerts and recitals
- Mentored students, many of whom have progressed to professional careers in music education and performance

Guest Instructor (Workshops) | *The Nigerian Baptist Regional Music Workshop* | 2013 & 2014

- Delivered focused workshops on music theory, vocal techniques, and ensemble coordination during the annual regional Baptist music conference
- Trained choirs, praise teams, and youth groups in harmony, timing, and sight-reading
- Provided mentorship to young and emerging music ministers from various local churches
- Collaborated with national worship leaders to structure multi-day workshop content and closing concerts

Keyboardist | *The Elevation Church* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2012 – 2014

- Played in worship services, led instrumental support, and helped in musical arrangement for major events

- Supported the growing congregation's worship needs during services
- Participated in special music events, mentoring upcoming musicians in the church

Music Director | *The Clay Temple Ministries (House of Mercy)* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2011 – 2012

- Directed choir and band, arranged liturgical music, led rehearsals, and supported youth ministry music training
- Designed an annual calendar of worship events, retreats, and live recordings
- Mentored dozens of instrumentalists and vocalists in spiritual discipline and musical skill

Keyboardist | *Icon of Grace Ministries* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2011

- Served as keyboardist for Sunday worship and midweek services
- Played a key role in leading congregational worship during revival programs and Sunday services
- Introduced and taught new songs, encouraging musical diversity in worship

Keyboardist | *The Redeemed Christian Church of God (Chapel of Grace, Lekki)* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2010

- Played piano and coordinated musical arrangements during worship services

Music Instructor | *Cradle Academy* – Lekki, Nigeria | 2010

- Taught beginner to intermediate piano skills to children aged 6–14, integrating solfège and sight-reading
- Prepared students for internal music assessments and external competitions
- Supported school and weekly assemblies with live music performances

Music Instructor | *Greater Scholars School* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2010

- Delivered foundational music education to pupils through engaging activities in rhythm, melody, and group singing
- Played piano for school devotions and events, and helped develop the school's early music curriculum
- Partnered with classroom teachers to reinforce music as part of the broader learning experience

Music Director | *Bethel Baptist Church* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2005 – 2009

- Led the adult choir, youth choir, and instrumental team in weekly services, midweek rehearsals, and special events
- Organized and directed large-scale music programs including weddings, conventions, and Christmas cantatas
- Introduced contemporary gospel arrangements while preserving the church's traditional Baptist music style
- Mentored aspiring choir leaders and instrumentalists within the church community

Keyboardist | *RCCG (Everyday with Jesus Parish)* – Lagos, Nigeria | 2001

- Provided consistent piano musical support during services and prayer meetings
- Worked closely with the worship leader and choir to ensure a seamless flow of spirit-filled worship

EDUCATION, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

1. **Audio Engineering:** *HOFA College of Audio Engineering, Germany 2025*
2. **Film Scoring and Sound Design:** *American School of Modern Music, Paris 2025*
3. **Music Technology, Performance and Composition:** *American School of Modern Music, Paris 2024*
4. **History of Classical and Western Music:** *Hillsdale College, United States of America 2024*
5. **Advanced Jazz Studies and Performance:** *Dordogne International Jazz Summer School, France – 2015 & 2018*
6. **Professional Certificate in Jazz & Contemporary Music (PPCC):** *SPAN Academy of Jazz and Contemporary Music, 2013–2015*

7. B.Sc. Criminology and Security Studies: *National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)*, 2011
8. Senior Secondary School Certificate – *Lekki Peninsular College* | 2002
9. WAEC & GCE – *Idada Community High School* | 2002

FESTIVALS & PERFORMANCES

- *Society for the Performing Arts in Nigeria (SPAN) Festival* – 2013
- *NiaJazz Festival* – 2013
- *Lagos International Jazz Festival* – 2014, 2015
- *International Jazz Day* – 2014
- *SOIN Jazz Project* – 2015
- *Daniel Isele Concert (South Africa)* – 2015
- *God Bless Nigeria Band* – 2014–2015

MASTERCLASSES & DEVELOPMENT

- *Wale Adeyemi – Creative Drummers (Nigeria)* | 2006–2009
- *Frank Carlsberg – Berklee College of Music (Piano)* | 2013
- *Christine Corea – Columbia University (Voice)* | 2013
- *Nigerian Baptist Convention Music Workshop – Bowen University* | 2013
- *Beat Kaestli – Jazz Vocalist, USA* | 2014
- *Walter Fischbacher – Jazz Pianist, NYC* | 2014
- *Henhouse Prowlers – Chicago Bluegrass Group* | 2015

LANGUAGES

English: Native Level