

Benjamin Bassett

Piano/Guitar

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Pianist of 10+ years and budding guitar player with a passion for film scores and traditional hymns seeking to further develop musical abilities through participation in music at Hillsdale College, with a specific interest in solo and orchestral piano. Secondly interested in further developing guitar skillset and seeking consideration for the Hillsdale music scholarship.

MUSIC EDUCATION

- Christian Dancy, Tolland CT, 2022-present
- *Math in Motion* by Caleb Skogen, 2021-2022
- *Faber Piano Adventures*, Theory & Lesson Books 1-4, 2019-2022
- Marla Wiley, Tolland CT, 2018-2022
- Christa Berezowskyj, Tolland CT, 2016-2017
- Joy Rothschild, West Hartford CT, 2010-2015

ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE

- Christmas Pageant Orchestra, Coventry CT, 2022, Pianist
- Fall Retreat Accompanist, Shutesbury, MA, 2022, Guitarist
- Outdoor Theatre Music Ensemble, Bolton CT, 2022, Pianist
- Open House Background Music, Coventry CT, 2021 & 2022, Pianist and Guitarist
- Choir Practice Accompanist, Coventry CT, 2020-2021, Pianist

SOLO PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Church Preludes: Occasionally plays a 5 minute prelude for church service.
- Piano Recitals: Many piano recitals through music teachers, two pieces usually performed.

REPERTOIRE LIST

- Moonlight Sonata, 1st & 3rd movements, Ludwig Van Beethoven – in progress
- The Entertainer, Scott Joplin
- Suite Antique, John Rutter
- Bagatelle No. 25/Für Elise, Ludwig Van Beethoven
- The Well-Tempered Clavier, Prelude in C Major, Johann Sebastian Bach
- Canon in D, Johann Pachelbel
- Hanon Exercises for Piano, C. L. Hanon
- Le Festin, Michael Giacchino
- Most four-part harmony hymns from the Trinity Hymnal (1990 Edition)
- Various film scores, arranged for piano by Patrik Pietschmann
 - o The Lord of the Rings

- Star Wars
- Interstellar
- The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe
- Inception
- Various Christmas medleys, arranged for piano by Phillip Keveren
 - Angel Suite
 - A Christmas Celebration
 - God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
 - Joy to the World (duet)
 - God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen (duet)
- Various hymn medleys, arranged for piano by Phillip Keveren
 - Crown Him With Many Crowns
 - I Surrender All
 - This is My Father's World
 - O Worship the King
 - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- Various pop songs arranged for piano
 - Piano Man, Billy Joel
 - Take on Me, a-ha
 - Don't Stop Believing, Journey
 - Ophelia, The Lumineers
 - Mr. Blue Sky, Electric Light Orchestra

MUSIC VOLUNTEERISM

- Christmas Pageant: Accompanied children's choir on piano with orchestra and/or bagpipes.
- Nursing Home Recitals: Played in multiple recitals at nursing homes with music teacher.
- Church Accompaniment: Accompanied traditional hymns for occasional church events.
- Fall Retreat Accompanist: Played guitar for a youth group fall retreat in worship ensemble.

SECONDARY INSTRUMENTAL INFORMATION

- Guitar (acoustic and electric): Taught by Christian Dancy from 2022-present. Wishes to pursue jazz guitar development while at Hillsdale College.