



# Garrett Eckl

## ***Musician, Audio Programmer, Educator***

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## Education

- Peabody Conservatory**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 2022  
M.M. Computer Music – Research and Technology Track, **GPA: 3.9**  
Sam Pluta, Geoffrey Wright, Norah Lorway
- San Diego State University**, San Diego, CA 2020  
B.M. Music Recording Technology and Audio Design, **GPA: 3.8**  
Joseph Waters, Chris Warren, Nakul Tiruviluamala
- Monroe Community College**, Rochester, NY 2018  
A.S. in Liberal Arts, **GPA: 4.0**

## Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor of Music Production**, McNeese State University 2023 - Present
- Teach music production and general elective music courses
  - Develop curriculum for the music production degree focus
  - Serve on department committees
  - Maintain the department's audio equipment and provide live sound reinforcement
- Teaching Assistant**, Peabody Conservatory, *Intro to Programming* Spring 2021, 2022
- Held office hours
  - Graded student work
  - Prepared and gave lectures on select music programming topics
- Student Assistant**, San Diego State University, *Music Theory IV* Spring 2020
- Worked with professor to create appropriate lesson plans
  - Graded student work
- Tutor**, San Diego State University, *Music Theory III, Live Sound II* 2018-2020
- Taught theory one on one with visually impaired student and provided disability assistance
  - Taught live sound techniques, Pro Tools, Logic Pro, and recording techniques
- Student Aid**, Monroe Community College 2016-2018

- Operated and maintained the school's piano lab
- Assisted students with basic piano, ear training, and music theory exercises
- Troubleshooted computer and keyboard issues

**Private Instructor**, Rochester, NY

2013-2018

- Taught recording techniques to students from a wide variety of musical backgrounds
- Customized lessons ranging from use of DAWs, to proper miking techniques, to electronic music production
- Taught basic musicianship skills including guitar, piano, drum kit and voice

## Employment

**Director of Engineering**, RIFFIT, Inc.

2022-Present

**Music Technologist**

2020-2022

- Member of small software team developing RIFFIT, a music learning software for real time text-to-song creation
- Develop an algorithmic composition system capable of synthesizing music in a variety of genres
- Develop and maintain RIFFIT's React.js front-end application and Node.js back-end applications
- Conduct music research in the fields of algorithmic composition and machine learning
- Lead the company's quality assurance procedures
- Manage a small group of part-time developers and interns
- Assist in the creation of seed round pitch decks

**Audio Programmer**, Freelance

2018-Present

- Create audio/MIDI plug-ins using the JUCE framework
- Design custom Max patches to assist live computer music performances
- Design C/C++ applications for use in music theory pedagogy

**Sound Engineer**, Freelance

2016-2020

- Provided sound reinforcement and front of house mixing services
- Provided studio mixing and mastering services
- Designed schematics for commercial-grade recording studios

## Conference Presentations

**Creating Custom Plugins From Directly Within Your DAW,**

2022

*Korean Electro Acoustic Music Society Annual Conference*

Seoul, South Korea

## Publications

Eckl, Garrett. "EZDSP: From Production to Programming." *Computer Music Journal Emille*, Vol.20, 2022, pp. 25-30.

## Grants

**Launch Grant**, Peabody Conservatory

2021-2022

- Role: Principal Researcher
- Project: "EZDSP: From Production to Programming"
- Amount: \$2,500
- Description: Commissioned to develop a learning platform to provide students with an accessible introduction to digital signal processing concepts.

## Awards

- Outstanding Creative and Performing Arts award recipient, 2019 SDSU Student Research Symposium
- Graduated from San Diego State University *summa cum laude*

## Developed Software

**EZDSP**, C++/SOUL

2022

EZDSP is a platform for creating custom audio effects from directly within a DAW. Using JIT compilation, users can modify both the DSP algorithms and the GUI design of this plug-in from directly within the plug-in itself.

**Real Time Humanizer**, C++

2021

Real Time Humanizer is a MIDI FX plug-in for generating expressive MIDI performances. Users can apply randomness to their MIDI tracks, and also place emphasis on certain beats, creating recordings that more closely mirror that of a real musician.

**The Modulation Equation**, JavaScript, C

2020

The Modulation Equation is an algorithm for determining the most effective modulation between two given keys. It was written as part of a larger system for algorithmic composition.

## Professional Experiences

**Head of Sound**, The Magic Hummingbird, Experimental Opera

2019

- Worked with musicians, actors and director to coordinate on stage sound effects
- Instructed a team of twelve students
- Coordinated audio feed with video crew

- Mix Engineer**, She Loves Me, San Diego State Fall 2019 Musical 2019
- Created mixing board scenes
  - Mixed front-of-house
  - Coordinated incorporation of sound design elements
- Head of Sound**, NWEAMO Festival, Electro-Acoustic Music Festival 2018, 2019
- Led a team of student recording engineers
  - Mixed front-of-house
  - Coordinated stage plots and rehearsal times with guest artists

## Recordings

- “Hunter” Documentary Soundtrack**, Garrett Eckl & Chris Bravos, Surfgrass Productions 2022
- Death of the Eldest Koelsh Brother**, Your Name Here, Your Name Here Records 2021
- The Magic Hummingbird**, Joseph Waters, New West Evolving Arts and Music Organization 2020
- Graduation At The Apocalypse**, Your Name Here, Your Name Here Records 2020
- Five Weeks**, Your Name Here, Your Name Here Records 2017

## Skills

### Music

- Music programming languages: *Max/MSP, Csound, SOUL, Supercollider*
- Audio plug-in development (w/ JUCE)
- Digital Audio Workstations: *Logic Pro, REAPER, Pro Tools, Ableton*
- Digital signal processing: *transforms, FIR filter design, interpolation techniques*
- Algorithmic composition
- Creative coding APIs: *Processing, Arduino, Web Audio*
- Songwriting & music production

### Programming

- Programming languages: *C/C++, JavaScript/Typescript, Python, MATLAB*
- HTML/CSS
- Web app development: *Node.js, React.js, Express.js, Firebase*
- Project management tools: *Git, Pivotal, Jenkins CI/CD, Notion*
- Cloud development: *Google Cloud Run, Pub/Sub, Redis, Docker, Kubernetes*
- UI/UX: *Chakra, Photoshop, Figma*