

AUSTIN BIEL

I am writing in pursuit of a position of teaching music at your school, the Lessons on the Go. I have a long and varied career in music and education and submit this background resume to you for your perusal.

I have been a passionate musician since I was 6 years old (currently 46), starting with classical piano and continuing to grow in all areas of music, including mastery of multiple instruments and genres. I started making a living in music in my late teens, and after leaving college I have continued in that career ever since.

I was based in the Houston area until I moved my family to central Florida in 2007. We established a school of music and arts there, and then in 2012, we returned to Texas to help found another one in the Austin area.

As a player, I've been an international touring musician as sideman in multiple genres with many instruments, I traveled with many well-known artists and organizations. I've been a producer, with over 100 recording projects, including 7 of my own releases.

As an educator, I've developed curricula for multiple schools as well as my own music theory courses. I've guest-taught at multiple universities, music/arts schools, and conferences all over the world. I have taught privately and mentored/coached hundreds of musicians and artists.

Currently, I moved back to the Houston area (Conroe) in August, and have been driving a school bus for CISD and teaching piano lessons on Saturdays at PMI-Woodlands. (Pro Music Instruction). I have been enjoying getting back to music after a year sabbatical, and interacting with the little ones in my lessons and on my bus has been rewarding. I can't wait for grandkids!



| Teacher | Musician | Artist |

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Personal

Education

Northeast Louisiana University
(currently ULM in Monroe, LA)
(1989-2001)
Music Education Piano Pedagogy major, guitar,
trumpet and percussion minors

Southwood High School Shreveport, LA
(graduated 1989)
All-State Band/Orchestra all 4 years

Previous Employers

STS - Lockhart ISD (Lockhart, TX)
Aug 2017 - now
school bus driver, assisted with training &
developing training materials

Catharsis Worship School (Austin, TX)
Feb 2013 - Aug 2017

founder, created all curriculum, conducted
short-term schools & conferences all over
USA & UK, mentored small groups &
individuals

selected church staff positions:

The Covenant Center (2009 - 2012)
Founder/Director/Worship & Arts Facilitator
Lakeland, FL

Second Baptist Houston (2003 - 2004)
Pastor Ed Young, Sr., **Houston, TX**

Benny Hinn Ministries (1999 - 2009)
Worship Leader James Cernero, **Worldwide**

Lakewood Church (1992 - 1993)
With Worship Leader Gary Simons. **Houston, TX**

Teaching Skills

Instruments/Level

Piano/Keyboard - Advanced, in all styles, sight-reading and improvisation, Hammond organ and synthesizer styles such as orchestral simulation - note: I don't teach "electronic music" styles

Guitar - Intermediate, in many styles, specialize in acoustic finger style and teaching music theory in guitar-speak - note: I don't teach electric guitar

Bass - Intermediate, in most styles, specializing in unique playing techniques - note: no acoustic bass

Drums - Intermediate, in many styles, specialize in teaching sight-reading rhythm charts

Trumpet - Intermediate, in many styles, specialize in tone production and sight-reading

Other

Author/Recording Artist

Creative Identity

1st book, released 2017

Rise

latest album, released 2015
multiple world music and jazz styles, self-produced and recorded

Encounter

Live improvisational jazz worship album, released 2013

released 5 other albums and produced over 100+ projects for other artists, bands, churches and organizations

Places I Have Taught

Universities/Trade Schools

Oral Roberts University (2009 - 2017)

Consultant, Guest Lecturer, **Tulsa, OK**

Southeastern University (2007 - 2010)

Consultant, Album Producer, Guest Lecturer, Mentor, **Lakeland, FL**

MediaTech Institute (2003 - 2006)

Developed curriculum & taught audio production course for professional audio. **Houston, TX**

Short-term Schools

Created to Worship UK (April 2016 & March 2017)

Conducted 1-week residential music/worship school for 25 adults in **Dorset, southeast England**

Levite Praise Institute (Aug. - Nov. 2013)

Conducted worship school & spoke at conferences & churches all over Europe, developed curriculum and taught 30 adult students for 9 weeks in residential school setting, **eastern Germany**

RETURN Latvia Symposium (2008)

taught one-week school of 100+ musicians, hosted at Good News Church, **Riga, Latvia**

Musician for:

Artists

Al Jarreau

Leonard Jones
(Euro Tour et al)

Ingrid Rosario
(Venezuela Tour)

Chris Walker
(China Tour)

Yolanda Adams

Ron Kenoly

Donnie McClurkin

Alvin Slaughter

Regina Belle

Rick Pino

Vicky Yohe

Numerous

Musical Theatre Shows

Church Productions

Video Scoring

Conducting
Songwriting
Workshops &
Contests

Wedding
Receptions &
Corporate Party Bands

Club &
Restaurant Gigs

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References

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Music Dept Chair, Oral Roberts University (Tulsa, OK)

Leonard Jones

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Dir, Morningstar University School of Worship (Charlotte, NC)

Testimonials

"[Austin Biel] would be considered a master craftsman. His love for God, ability to lead and support, creativity and facility set him apart... He has a mastery of his subject and an innate capacity to connect with each student... You are making a wise choice if you bring Austin in to lead worship or train worship leaders."

Pastor David Harwood

Pastor of Restoration Fellowship/Director of Love of God Project

"I'm frustrated with this endorsement. The frustrating part is trying to communicate the importance of Austin's message and the uniqueness of the instrument that carries it. He is incredibly talented, sincerely passionate, and he is contagious. His music and his message affects everyone in the room. So does his heart. His depth in the word is reflected in his worship. Nuff Said..."

Ray Hughes

Selah Ministries

YouTube Links

Raising the Bar of Worship (Teaching a class)

<http://youtu.be/6NopAAEylTg>

Music Theory Course (Catharsis Worship School)

<http://youtu.be/lKyreaUX5Lc>

Two Instruments at once-prepared

(Leo Jones in Prague) <http://youtu.be/9F8SELobkR4>

Two Instruments at once-spontaneous

(Jeremy Burk in Austin, TX) http://youtu.be/W2_aQ4dPp_k

Keyboard, Jazz (Mark Dini Group, Sambuca Houston)

<http://youtu.be/-HEXeweFNdo>

Concept Music Video, playing all instruments

<https://youtu.be/lRWlc7ZCHIO>

"I have used Austin Biel on many engagements and in many different settings and he's always been a delight to work with.

Austin is one of those musicians that continually surprises me, it seems his knowledge of his instruments, music and worship, have no bounds... He is an aggressive instrumentalist as well as an aggressive worshiper. I wholeheartedly endorse his ministry and his lifestyle."

Leonard Jones

Director of Morningstar University School of Worship, Charlotte, NC

"He is a "chief musician" whose humility shines through his worship. It is with joy that I recommend him to you!"

Rick Pino

Fire Rain Ministries/Director of Heart of David Internship



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