

Erik S Piazza

Musician. Educator. Researcher.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Webster Thomas High School** 800 Five Mile Line Rd., Webster, NY 14580 2012-present
- Music Teacher - Instrumental:
Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, small group lessons
 - Lead Teacher – Thomas High School music department
 - Liaison between department, building and administrative teams
 - Meeting coordinator for collaborative team
 - Responsible for planning and facilitating collaborative team, department and building meetings
 - Stage Manager – Directly responsible for lighting and sound requirements for all auditorium events, auditorium scheduling coordinator
 - Music Technology Club Advisor – Devised and founded extracurricular club for students to explore creative avenues for music creation and live sound production.
- Webster Schroeder High School** 875 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580 2007-2012
- Music Teacher - Instrumental:
Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Select Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band, small group lessons
 - Select Jazz Ensemble
 - Annual performances at the Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival
 - Commissioned work by Dave Rivello
 - Premiere performance with Wycliffe Gordon
 - Collaboration with Institute for Creative Music
 - Data specialist for Music Department SMART Goal: Watkins-Farnum test of all 7-12 grade instrumentalists
- Rochester Institute of Technology** 1 Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623 Fall 2008
- Adjunct Faculty
 - Director of Saxology jazz ensemble
 - Interim Woodwind Instructor – Saxophone and Flute
- Palmyra-Macedon High School** 151 Hyde Parkway, Palmyra, NY 14522 2005-2007
- Music Teacher – Instrumental / General:
Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, small group lessons, AP Music Theory
 - Extracurricular responsibilities included Parade Band, Pep Band, Music Technology Club, Musical Pit Orchestra Director, Lighting & Sound Director
 - Designed and developed a MIDI Lab

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NOTABLE RESEARCH AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Creative Musical Activities in Ensemble Rehearsals 2017
Survey study distributed to New York State School Music Association teachers
- “SMART Sightreading: Action Research in the High School Instrumental Music Program” March 30, 2012
Presented at NAfME Biennial Music Educators Conference, St. Louis, MO
- Pilot study collaboration with the College Board 2015-2016
Implementation of the Advanced Band music module for the 6-12 Arts Framework
- Webster Central School District Curriculum Development
Co-developed and redesigned Music Plugged In (HS general music) curriculum 2015
Co-developed and implemented district-wide instrumental curricular framework 2008
- Empower Music Technology – electronic textbook and curriculum resource
Co-author and Website Developer 2007-2015
Continued development and implementation at Gettysburg College 2011-2014
Implemented at the Eastman School of Music 2008
- Graduate Research Assistant at Eastman School of Music 2004-2005
Assisted Dr. Richard Grunow in AMMA data collection and analysis

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Cooperating Teacher for Eastman School of Music pre-service music teachers 2009-present
- Eastman Community Music School Music Educator’s Wind Ensemble 2012-present
Soprano, alto, and baritone saxophones; guest conductor
- NYSSMA Zone 2 All-State Solo Festival Coordinator 2013-present
- MCSMA All-County Jazz Festival and Solo Festival Co-Coordinator 2012-2015
- Orleans All-County Senior High Band Conductor February 2015