# WILL ALDERMAN | PERCUSSIONIST

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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# **EDUCATION**

## James Madison University - Harrisonburg, VA

August, 2020 - May, 2023

- Doctor of Musical Arts Percussion Performance & Pedagogy
- Applied Professor Casey Cangelosi
- Dissertation Etudes for Marimba: An Assessment of Intermediate and Advanced Techniques with Four New Works

#### Ithaca College - Ithaca, NY

August, 2012 - May, 2014

- Master of Music Percussion Performance
- Applied Professor Gordon Stout

## Western Michigan University - Kalamazoo, MI

August, 2008 - April, 2012

- Bachelor of Music Percussion Performance
- Applied Professor Judy Moonert

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA - Adjunct Percussion Faculty

March, 2021 - Present

- MUS445 Percussion Ensemble
- MUS306 Percussion Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Music Majors
- MUS206 Percussion Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Music Minors
- MUS214 Percussion Methods Course
  - Instruct and Develop Curriculum

## James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA - Graduate Assistant

August, 2020 - Present

- MUED305 Percussion Techniques Class Instructor
  - Lecture, administer written and performance exams, grade exams and assignments, assist in developing curriculum
- MUAP354 JMU Steel Band Ensemble
  - Conduct Ensemble and facilitate rehearsals
  - Select Repertoire, Program Concerts
- MUAP300 Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Students
- Percussion Repair & Maintenance Coordinator
  - Assess percussion studio equipment needs
  - Manage work study students & assign repair jobs/gear transport

#### Private Studio Instructor - Percussion

September, 2014 - Present

- Studio of 5 -40 students (varies by year)
- Develop technique, practice methods, solo interpretation, and ensemble performance techniques

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)**

- Instruct master classes in percussion techniques, etude development, and musicality
- Incorporate music history and theory, creating deeper understanding of solo, chamber, and large ensemble repertoire

#### Western Michigan University SEMINAR, Kalamazoo, MI - Chamber Ensemble Coach

June, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022

- Teach applied percussion lessons
- Rehearse Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band
- Select repertoire for both ensembles
- Provide master classes on various percussion techniques

#### Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA - Adjunct Percussion Faculty

August, 2020 - August, 2022

- MUPS201 Percussion Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Students
- MUED224 Percussion Methods Course
  - o Instruct and Develop Curriculum

## Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA - Adjunct Percussion Faculty

March, 2021 - May 2022

- MUS-141C Percussion Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Music Majors
- MUS-141C Percussion Applied Lessons for Undergraduate Music Minors

#### WMU Bronco Marching Band, Kalamazoo, MI - Drumline Coordinator/Arranger

August, 2019 - August, 2020

- Coordinate Drumline Staff & Rehearsal Schedules
- Compose/Arrange Drumline Music

## Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI - Adjunct Percussion Faculty

December, 2017 - June, 2020

- Teach applied percussion lessons
- Facilitate percussion sectionals for the Kalamazoo College Philharmonia
- Coach chamber percussion ensembles
- Instrument repair and maintenance

#### Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, Kalamazoo, MI - Percussion Coach

September, 2016 - September, 2019

- Rehearse students on standard orchestral repertoire
- Provide master classes for various percussion instruments

#### Camp Wakeshma, Three Rivers, MI - Percussion Instructor

July, 2016

- Summer camp instructor for middle school students
- Coach small ensembles, and large
- Provide one-on-one instruction

# Plainwell High School, Plainwell, MI - Percussion Ensemble Director

January, 2016 - May, 2016

- Functioned as the head instructor for the Percussion Ensemble class period
- Selected repertoire, administered grades, facilitated rehearsals

# Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY - *Graduate Assistant*

August, 2013 - May, 2014

- PFSM 14100 Percussion Methods Class Instructor
  - Lecture, administer written and performance exams, grade exams and assignments
- MUEN 12700 Ithaca College Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band
  - o Facilitate rehearsal in lieu of Professor Stout
- Percussion Repair
- General Music Teaching Assistant
  - Assisted with assignment and exam grading

## Cornell University, Ithaca, NY - Marching Band Music Advisor

August, 2012 - December, 2012

- Provided full ensemble instruction, both music and marching
- Facilitated conversations between the students and the board of directors

## MARCHING ARTS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

James Madison University Marching Royal Dukes, Harrisonburg, VA - Front Ensemble Instructor Portage Central Bands, Portage, MI - Percussion Coordinator

June 2022-Present August, 2016 - August, 2020

- Instruct students in all aspects of percussion
- Hire and coordinate percussion staff
- Audition and place 30 percussion students
- Compose/Arrange the fall percussion music for battery and front ensemble

## SW Michigan Indoor Percussion Ensemble, Portage, MI - Director

- Instruct students in all aspects of percussion
- Hire and coordinate percussion staff
- Audition and place 20-30 percussion students
- Compose/Arrange the percussion program for battery and front ensemble

#### Plainwell High School Bands, Plainwell, MI - Percussion Coordinator

## Legends Drum & Bugle Corps, Kalamazoo, MI - Front Ensemble Instructor

- Instructor front ensemble members in technique and musicality
- 2018 3rd place DCI Open Class percussion finalists

Portage Northern High School Bands, Portage, MI - Percussion Coordinator

Redline Percussion Ensemble - Canton, MI - Front Ensemble Instructor

Otsego High School Bands, Otsego, MI - Percussion Coordinator

Genesis Percussion Ensemble, Grand Rapids, MI - Front Ensemble Coordinator

- Audition and place front ensemble members
- Coordinate front ensemble staff
- Compose/Arrange the front ensemble book
- 2015 WGI Independent Open Class Finalist

Mattawan High School Bands, Mattawan, MI - Front Ensemble Instructor

Parchment High School Bands, Parchment, MI - Percussion Coordinator

Gobles High School Bands, Gobles, MI - Percussion Coordinator

Twin Cities Rhythm, Plainwell, MI - Co-Founder/Percussion Instructor

- Audition and place front ensemble members
- Coordinate front ensemble staff
- Compose/Arrange the front ensemble book
- 2012 MCGC Independent A Class Bronze Medalist

Vestal High School Bands, Vestal, NY - Percussion Coordinator

August, 2013 - November, 2013

September, 2022 - Present

September, 2022 - Present August, 2021 - Present

# PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

James Madison University Brass Band - Percussionist

Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra - Percussionist James Madison University Jazz Combo - Drumset

James Madison University Symphony Orchestra - Percussionist

Principal Timpanist

James Madison University Percussion Ensemble - Percussionist

Without Borders, Lansing, MI - Percussionist

- Bartok: "String Quartet No. 5" (adapted for four marimbas) Album Release, April 2023
- 2023 Tour: University of North Alabama, Mississippi State University, University of Louisiana Monroe
- Performed 2020 McCormick Marimba Festival
- Guest Artists/Performers at Ithaca College, Spring 2019

November, 2016 - February, 2020

November, 2017 - August, 2018

August, 2014 - August, 2020

August, 2016 - November, 2018

December, 2017

August, 2014 - August, 2017

October, 2014 - April, 2016

June. 2016 - October. 2016

June. 2014 - October. 2015

June, 2015 - November, 2015

November, 2010 - March, 2014

August, 2020 - Present February, 2017 - Present

August, 2021 - Present

2017 Tour: Taiwan and Japan

# PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

- Performed for Keiko Abe at Toho Gakuen College of Music
- Premiered adaptation of Bartok's "String Quartet No. 5" for four marimbas
- Provided master classes for students ranging from elementary to high school
- www.facebook.com/withoutborderspercussion

#### James Madison University Wind Symphony - Percussionist

Principal Percussionist

Kalamazoo, MI - Drumset

Portage Central Wind Ensemble, Portage, MI - Soloist

Performed John Mackey's "Strange Humors"

South Bend Symphony, South Bend, IN - Percussionist

Michiana Percussion Quartet, Goshen, IN - Percussionist

2015 Recital at Goshen College

2016 Recital at Ignition Cafe in Goshen, IN

Southwest Symphony, St. Joseph, MI - Percussionist

Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, Corning, NY - Percussionist

Ithaca College Graduate Percussion Quartet, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Founding Member

Ithaca College Contemporary Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Performed "Rumble Strips" for marimba at The Music of the Americas in NYC

Ithaca College Steel Band Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Cellos

Ithaca College Brass Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Ithaca College Wind Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Ithaca College Jazz Ensemble, Ithaca, NY - Percussionist

Western Winds (Faculty Ensemble) - Percussionist

Birds on a Wire, Kalamazoo, MI - Percussionist

Western Michigan University Orchestra, Kalamazoo, MI - Percussionist

Principal Percussionist, 2010 - 2011

Principal Timpanist, 2011 - 2012

WMU Bronco Marching Band, Kalamazoo, MI - Drumline Member

2010 Snare Drum Section Leader

Western Michigan University Symphonic Band, Kalamazoo, MI - Percussionist

Principal Timpanist, 2010

Northcoast Academy, Saginaw, MI - Percussionist

- 2010 WGI Independent World Class Finalist
- 2010 Vibraphone Section Leader

#### COMPETITIONS & PERFORMANCE AWARDS

# 2023 @Percussion Podcast Composition Contest

"Moussaka" received Honorable Mention Award (LINK)

Featured on Episode 334 (<u>LINK</u>)

The Great Plains International Marimba Competition

- 2nd Place in the Open Duo Competition Category
  - "Technobabble" performance at final round (LINK)

January, 2021 - May 2021

July, 2015 - January, 2020

December, 2016 & December, 2019

December, 2018

November, 2015 - February, 2016

September, 2015 - September, 2016

September, 2012 - May, 2014

August, 2013 - May, 2014

September, 2012 - May, 2014

September, 2012 - May, 2014

January, 2013 - May, 2013

January, 2013 - May, 2013

September, 2012 - December, 2013

September, 2013 - December, 2013

April. 2012

September, 2012 - April, 2012

September, 2010 - April, 2012

August, 2008 - January, 2011

January, 2009 - April, 2010

October, 2009 - April, 2010

September, 2022

July 6th-July 9th, 2022

# SELECTED PERCUSSION MASTER CLASS PERFORMANCES

Escape X - Percussion Duo, Andrea Venet & Annie Stevens

March, 2022

# SELECTED PERCUSSION MASTER CLASS PERFORMANCES (CONT'D)

Valerie Naranjo - Percussionist for "Lion King" on Broadway/Saturday Night Live March, 2013
Robert Zolnowski - Percussionist/Composer February, 2013
Michael Burritt - Professor of Percussion, Eastman School of Music October, 2013
Eric Schweikert - Interim Principal Timpanist, Detroit Symphony Orchestra October, 2012
So Percussion - Percussion Quartet Mark Guthrie - Principal Timpanist, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra November, 2010

# SELECTED SOLO, CHAMBER, AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

Senior Recital, Western Michigan University

Junior Recital, Western Michigan University

PAS Day of Percussion, WMU Drumline, Michigan State University

PAS Day of Percussion, with Linda Maxey, Western Michigan University

Without Borders at University of North Alabama - Upcoming Performance January, 2023 James Madison University Contemporary Music Festival - Performed "Click" by Mary Ellen Childs October, 2022 Bridgewater College of Music Faculty Recital - Soloist September, 2022 Great Plains International Marimba Competition - 2nd Place Open Duo Division March. 2022 DMA Recital #2, James Madison University March, 2022 Bluestone Winds Recital (JMU Woodwinds Faculty) - Guest Performer November, 2021 James Madison University Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert - Soloist & Conductor November, 2021 Bridgewater College of Music Faculty Recital - Soloist September, 2021 DMA Recital #1. James Madison University March. 2021 University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama - Without Borders Performing Spring, 2020 (CANCELED COVID-19) McCormick Marimba Festival, Tampa, FL - Without Borders Performing January, 2020 Portage Central Wind Ensemble December Concert, Portage, MI - Soloist December, 2019 Capt. Cat Album Release, Kalamazoo MI - Drumset August, 2019 Ithaca College Guest Artist Recital, Ithaca, NY - Without Borders Performing March, 2019 Keys player with Lexi Adams at Kalamazoo Ribfest - Opened for Survivor August, 2018 Without Borders at University of Central Missouri March, 2018 June, 2015 - December, 2019 Kalamazoo Singers, Kalamazoo Concerts in the Park & Winter Showcase Without Borders Taiwan/Japan Tour June. 2017 Boy with a Lunch, Album Release at Overneath Studios, Kalamazoo, MI June, 2017 The 42nd Parallel, Kalamazoo Fretboard Festival Play-In Contest March, 2017 December, 2016 Portage Central Wind Ensemble December Concert, Portage, MI - Soloist Michiana Percussion Quartet, Recital at Ignition Cafe, Goshen, IN February, 2016 Michiana Percussion Quartet, Faculty Chamber Recital at Goshen College January, 2015 Music of the Americas, Stout, "Rumble Strips," New York City, NY March, 2014 Master's Recital #2, Ithaca College March, 2014 IC Percussion Ensemble, with Gif Howarth, Ithaca College February, 2014 Chamber Recital, Reich, "Music for 18 Musicians," Ithaca College November, 2014 IC Percussion Ensemble, with Valerie Naranjo, Ithaca College March. 2013 Master's Recital #1, Ithaca College February, 2013 Rachael Claire Trio with Grand Rapids Symphony, Grand Rapids, MI August, 2012 Rachael Claire Trio Album Release at Western Michigan University April, 2012

Spring, 2012

Spring, 2011

Spring, 2009

Fall, 2010

PRESENTED CLINICS/MASTERCLASSES Western Michigan University Seminar, Kalamazoo, MI - Percussion Accessory Techniques June 2017, 2018, 2022 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO - Music Entrepreneurship March. 2018 PRESENTED CLINICS/MASTERCLASSES (CONT'D) Yunin Youth Percussion Group, Yunlin, Taiwan - Marching Arts Clinic June. 2017 District XI All-Star Percussion Ensemble - Guest Clinician March. 2015 Adrian College Conference for Winds & Percussion, Adrian, MI - Solo Performance & Clinic July, 2011 ARRANGING/COMPOSING EXPERIENCE Etudes for Marimba - Four New Works for the Advancing Marimbist (Book) April 2023 Farewell to Shadowlands - for Percussion Ensemble & Acoustic Guitar Premiered January 2023 Accepted to the 2023 Kansas City Contemporary Music Festival The Beginning of the End of the World - for Marimba Duo January 2023 Portage Central Bands, Portage, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2016 - Present August, 2010 - Present Otsego Bands, Otsego, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger October, 2016 - Present SW Michigan Indoor Percussion, Portage, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger Western Michigan Bronco Marching Band - Battery Arranger August 2019-November 2019 Christmas Time is Here (Vince Guaraldi Arrangement) - For Solo Vibraphone December, 2020 Wheel (John Mayer Arrangement) - For Solo Vibraphone September, 2020 Plainwell Bands, Plainwell, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2010 - August 2020 PNIPE, Portage, MI - Front Ensemble Arranger October, 2017 - April 2020 Portage Northern Bands, Portage, MI - Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2016 - September 2019 West Springfield Bands, West Springfield, VA - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2016 Genesis Percussion, Grand Rapids, MI - Front Ensemble Arranger October, 2014 - April, 2016 Gobles Bands, Gobles, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2014 - August, 2015 October, 2010 - April, 2014 Twin Cities Rhythm, Plainwell, MI - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger Vestal Bands, Vestal, NY - Battery/Front Ensemble Arranger August, 2013 Oak Grove High School, Hattiesburg, MS - Battery Arranger August, 2013 SELECTED RECORDINGS Without Borders, Bartok, "String Quartet No. 5" adapted for Four Marimbas Spring, 2023 YouTube Collection of Audio/Video Recordings: www.youtube.com/c/aldermanmusic "Moussaka" by Will Alderman November, 2022 "Technobabble" by Caleb Pickering September, 2022 "Marimba Quartet" by Daniel Levitan June, 2022 June, 2022 "Blues for Gilberty" by Mark Glentworth "Smooth Criminal" arr. Will Alderman for the Portage Central Indoor Percussion Ensemble May, 2022 "Tap Oratory" by Casey Cangelosi for solo snare drum and playback April, 2022 "Etude in C Major" by Will Alderman for solo marimba April, 2022 "Spero" by Michael Burritt for solo drum & percussion ensemble November, 2021 "Ionisation" by Edgard Varese for percussion ensemble November, 2021

"Ghost Garden" by Adam Hopper for solo marimba, tutorial and performance

"Folk Song" from Robert Aldrdige's "From My Little Island" for solo marimba

"Everlong" by the Foo Fighters arr. Tom Smith for Steel Band

"Pan in A Minor" for Steel Band

"Boy" by Charlie Puth arr Will Alderman for marching percussion and tape playback

August, 2021

August, 2021

May, 2021

May, 2021

May, 2021

"Fugue" Sonata No. 1 G Minor by J.S. Bach adapted for solo marimba	May, 2021
"September" arr. Jeff Moore for Steel Band	May, 2021
"Akezora" by Hefang Ma	April, 2021
"Wheel" by John Mayer arr. Will Alderman for solo vibraphone	January, 2021
SELECTED RECORDINGS (CONT'D)	
"Christmas Time Is Here" arr. Will Alderman for solo vibraphone	December, 2020
"Fool in the Rain" arr. Jeff Moore for Steel Band	November, 2020
"Sleight of and Evil Hand" by Casey Cangelosi for snare drum & mechanical metronome	November, 2020
"Over the Rainbow" arr. Robert Oetomo for solo marimba	September, 2020
Capt. Cat Debut Album, "Crystal Sound System" (LINK)	August, 2019
Capt. Cat - Kalamazoo Creator's Club, at Overneath Studios	October, December, 2018
"No Not Anymore" (LINK)	
"Leave That Town" (LINK)	
• "Bite" (LINK)	
Capt. Cat live at Western Sound Studios Sessions	January, 2018
"The Attic" (LINK)	
• "Dreamer" ( <u>LINK</u> )	
• "Wings" ( <u>LINK</u> )	
• "It Won't Last" ( <u>LINK</u> )	
Boy with a Lunch, "Mighty Oaks" live at Overneath Studios (LINK)	June, 2017
The 42nd Parallel NPR Tiny Desk Submission, "Just Out of Reach" (LINK)	January, 2016
The 42nd Parallel Debut Album "Michigan Winter" (LINK)	September, 2014
Western Michigan Percussion Ensemble, Colson, "Percussion Quartet No. 5"	May, 2012
Western Michigan Symphonic Band, Ewazen "Shadowcatcher"	March, 2010
<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	
Etudes for Marimba: Four New Works for the Advancing Marimbist	Spring 2023
Dissertation project publication	
<ul> <li>Accompanying document &amp; recordings to be released Spring '23</li> </ul>	
Find more at <a href="https://www.willalderman.com/sheetmusic">https://www.willalderman.com/sheetmusic</a>	
Essays on Miles Davis	October 2022
Published by Accademia Filarmonica Mediterranea	
• ISBN: 979-12-80708-12-0	
<ul> <li>Authored "Miles Davis: Abandonment of Black Culture?"</li> </ul>	
MUSIC TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCIES	
Logic Pro X	
Primary DAW for all audio recording and MIDI sequencing projects	
Final Cut Pro X	
Motion Graphics	
MainStage	
Sibelius Ultimate	
Used in conjunction with Kontakt Player & Virtual Drumline 2.5.5	
YouTube Channel	
www.youtube.com/c/aldermanmusic	

Comprehensive catalog of recent creative music performance, composition, and technology projects

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2008 - Present Percussive Arts Society Member

# HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

James Madison University Graduate Assistantship	Fall, 2020 - Spring, 2023
James Madison Research Travel Grant	Fall 2022
International Baccalaureate Educator of Distinction	2016, 2017

Nominated as an "Influential Educator" by graduating high school seniors

Ithaca College Graduate Assistantship Fall, 2013 - Spring, 2014 Ithaca College Educational Travel Grant Fall. 2012

Funded 2012 trip to PASIC in Austin, Texas

Cornell University Marching Band Assistantship Fall, 2012 Western Michigan University School of Music Scholarship Fall, 2008 - Spring 2012 Sigma Alpha Lambda - Collegiate Academic Honor Society Fall, 2008 - Spring, 2012 Pi Kappa Lambda - Collegiate Music Honor Society Spring, 2011

Awarded in 2011 and currently a member

Golden Key International Honor Society Spring, 2010 Western Jazz Invitational Outstanding Performance Recipient Spring, 2008 Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Spring, 2008

# JUDGING/SERVICE WORK

Lord Botetourt Marching Invitational October 2022, 2023

Percussion Adjudicator

# PROFESSIONAL/WORK EXPERIENCE

## The Bridge Church, Portage, MI - Music Director

Design weekly worship/music experiences for 800 member church

- Coordinate, schedule, and rehearse music ensembles
- Facilitate and lead creative meetings

# OTHER NOTABLE EXPERIENCE

## The Music Hop Kalamazoo LLC, Kalamazoo, MI - Founder/Director

Coordinated grassroots music festival in Downtown Kalamazoo

- Booked venues with performing artists
- Collaborated with city officials to coordinate (City Manager & Mayor)
- Promoted via social media, news outlets, talk shows, and public radio
- www.facebook.com/themusichop

# Capt. Cat Band - Drumset/Vocals

Recorded full length studio album, "Crystal Sound System" March 2018, Released August

#### The 42nd Parallel - Guitar/Vocals

2014 - Present

- Songwriter/Founding Member
- Released EP "Michigan Winter" in the fall of 2014

August, 2016 - August, 2020

April, 2016 - August, 2018

August, 2017 - August, 2020

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