

# Marief “Spencer” Austin

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## Professional Experience

SELF-EMPLOYED MUSIC INSTRUCTOR; LOS ANGELES AND BERKELEY, CA; BOSTON, MA UNITED STATES

*Private Teacher, Jun 2009 – present*

- Instruct private lessons for children and adolescents (ages 10-18) in trombone performance and technique; tutored New England Conservatory students in music theory, ear training and composition.

SELF-EMPLOYED MUSICIAN; LOS ANGELES AND BERKELEY, CA; NEW YORK, NY UNITED STATES

*Performer, Composer, Arranger, Orchestrator and Lyricist, Sep 2007 – present*

- Sing, play trombone and record for television programs including *American Idol*, *The Voice*, NBC’s *Hollywood Game Night*, and EstrellaTV’s *Noches Con Platanito*.
- Perform and premiere original compositions and songs in music venues such as Yoshi’s Jazz Club (Oakland, CA), The Baked Potato (Studio City, CA), The Blue Whale (Los Angeles, CA), The Stone (New York, NY) and Dizzy’s Club Coca-Cola (New York, NY).
- Compose, arrange and orchestrate pieces in various musical settings. Original pieces have been recorded by the California State University, Northridge Jazz “A” Band, as well as the New England Conservatory Jazz Composers’ Workshop Orchestra and the New England Conservatory Philharmonia.
- Arrange and transcribe jazz, R&B, rock, pop, salsa and country tunes for various bands and singers by strict deadlines.

JAZZSCHOOL COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL (JCMS) GIRLS’ JAZZ AND BLUES CAMP; BERKELEY, CA UNITED STATES

*Intern and Private Trombone Instructor, Aug 2011*

- Rehearsed and performed with the camp big band; taught private lessons to trombone students enrolled in the camp.

ERNEST LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM; CHATSWORTH, CA UNITED STATES

*Instructional Assistant for the Concert Bands, Sep 2010 – Mar 2011*

- Assisted in teaching music theory and instrumental techniques; conducted concert band rehearsals (up to 70 students).
- Gained private students through the school’s music program.

## Education

NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY (NEC); BOSTON, MA UNITED STATES

*MM-Jazz Composition, Trombone, Sept. 2013 – May 2015 (Degree Received May 2015)*

- Added to Dean’s List in Fall of 2013 and Spring of 2014; overall GPA: 3.9

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE (CSUN); NORTHRIDGE, CA UNITED STATES

*BM-Jazz Studies, Trombone, Aug 2007 – May 2011 (Degree Received May 2011)*

- Added to Dean’s List in Fall of 2007, Spring of 2008, Fall of 2008, and Spring of 2010; overall GPA: 3.39
- Member of the CSUN Jazz “A” Band, which won first place in its division in the 2010 Next Generation Jazz Festival (Monterey, CA).

BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL; BERKELEY, CA UNITED STATES

*Aug 2003 – June 2007 (Diploma Received June 2007)*

- Enrolled in the Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble, which toured the 2005 Montreux Jazz Festival (Switzerland), the 2005 Umbria Jazz Festival (Italy), and the 2007 Kurashiki Music Festival (Japan).

## Activities & Accolades

- Recipient of the ASCAP Foundation Phoebe Jacobs Prize, as a part of the 2018 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Awards.
- Selected by the New York Youth Symphony to compose a First Music Commission piece for the 2015-2016 Jazz Band.
- Participated and instructed in the 2015 Summer Jazz Academy in Groznjan, Croatia.
- Commissioned in 2012 by the Berkeley High School Jazz Program to compose an original piece for jazz ensemble and string octet.
- Participated in the 2012 Jazz Composers’ Orchestra Institute at UCLA (Los Angeles, CA).
- Participated in the 2011 Keep an Eye Summer Jazz Workshop at Conservatorium van Amsterdam (Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- Auditioned and was accepted into the 2006-2007 San Francisco Jazz High School All-Stars Orchestra (San Francisco, CA).
- Auditioned and was accepted into the Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, which toured the 2006 Umbria Jazz Festival.