

MICHAEL BRITTEN

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PROFILE

I am a Media Composer, pivoting from a career in Heavy Civil Construction Engineering. My professional background makes me a dependable team player and has instilled requisite professional skillsets sometimes missing from traditional music education.

EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE MUSICIAN – 2024-2025

Improved skills in mixing, recording, orchestration, DAW and musicianship through books and online resources. Graduated Scorecraft Academy 5 month Digital Media Composition Intensive Program, taught by Michael Whittaker. The course consisted of weekly 5-7 minute score to picture assignments. The final was a 24 minute animated kids show requiring full orchestral music that I completed start to finish in 5 days. I've started playing Jazz Piano gigs with local musicians in Reno. I Sang in the Reno Phil Choir, and as a soloist with TOCCATA (Tahoe Orchestra and Choir). I've also greatly improved my Harpejji playing, a new instrument that's a mix between piano and guitar that I've been learning for the last 4 years. Building on top of my life long passion for music, my self directed work over this last year has built skillsets on par with anyone graduating with a masters in music.

FIELD ENGINEER SHIMMICK CONSTRUCTION – 2020-2023

Managed construction of the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System (nets) on the main spans of the bridge. Oversaw multiple Union Ironworker crews and 10s of millions of dollars of work. I kept the bureaucratic gears turning through daily reports, submittals and building trustworthy relationships with representatives of a notoriously difficult client, the Golden Gate Bridge District. The nets save around 30 lives a year. I also conceptualized and developed the temporary structure systems for net installation for a uniquely challenging span of the bridge.

After my scopes of work were complete on the Golden Gate Bridge, I transferred to the Richmond Waste Water Treatment Critical Improvement Project. There I oversaw work on the aeration basin retrofits. I solved problems and helped with organization of labor and construction materials for the final push before project completion. This project brings the plant, which discharges into the SF Bay, into compliance with EPA standards.

OTHER JOBS

Piano Teacher – I taught weekly piano lessons for 7 students as a senior in high school and organized an end of year recital for student's friends and family. 2016-2017

Manufacturer – Worked at Hex Veneers, building high end custom wood doors and veneer panels. Summer 2018

Plumbers and Electricians Apprentice – Worked at The Electric Company and Michael's Plumbing in Reno NV. Useful grunt on residential and commercial projects. Summer 2019

EDUCATION

SCORE CRAFT ACADEMY 6 MONTH PROGRAM

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING – UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER – GRADUATED WINTER 2022 3.0 GPA

SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC – PRE COLLEGE COMPOSITION PROGRAM – 2015-2016

BERKLEE SCHOOL OF MUSIC – 5 WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM (JAZZ PIANO) – 2016