

# Zachary Finnegan

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## Education

**Indiana University Jacobs School of Music - Bloomington, IN**

Master of Music - Jazz Studies (2020)

**University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point - Stevens Point, WI**

Bachelor of Music - Jazz Studies (2018)

Bachelor of Music - Music Education (2018)

## Performance Experience

**Michael Bublé (2022-present)**

Current member. World touring with 5-time Grammy award recipient, Michael Bublé. 30+ countries.

**Alan Gresik Swing Orchestra (2023-present)**

Every Thursday since 1998 at the historic Green Mill Cocktail Lounge.

**Zachary Finnegan's Timeless Quintet (2024-present)**

Original project featuring arrangements & original compositions. Traveled nationally including NYC, LA, ATX, San Francisco, Minneapolis & Madison.

**Zachary Finnegan's Sonic Cinema (2021-2023)**

Original project featuring a jazz sextet and string quartet. All original compositions bridging jazz, gospel and cinematic textures. Debut album released in 2024.

**Clint Breeze and the Groove (2018-2023)**

Hip-hop/Jazz crossover group based in Indianapolis

**Crossroads Quintet (2018-2020)**

Co-led collective of original jazz music

**Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music Featured Soloist (2018)**

Trumpet soloist with 70 piece choir performing in seven European countries

**Omnos Quintet/Quartet (2015-2018)**

Co-lead contemporary jazz collective

**Central Wisconsin Jazz Orchestra (2016-2017)**

Sub for various concert series. Co-directed by Mathew Buchman and Brent Turney

**Hip Pocket (2014-2016)**

Sub for various performances. Music director Patrick Phalen

**Other Freelance Work**

J. Grant Experience - Chicago, IL (2026)

Chris White Quartet - Chicago, IL (2026)

Finnegan-Howell Quintet - Dublin, IRE (2026)

Genuine Brass - Chicago, IL (2026)

Shadmehr Aghili - Chicago, IL (2025)

Uniting Voices - Chicago, IL (2025)

Chicago Freedom Ensemble - Chicago, IL (2025)

Loose Leaf - Chicago, IL (2025)

Ring of Music - Chicago, IL (2025)

Meghan Stagl - Chicago, IL (2025)

Connexion Band - Chicago, IL (2025)

Michael Skillz - Chicago, IL (2025)

Michael Lerich Quintet - Chicago, IL (2025)

KNOWER - Chicago, IL (2024)

Hayden Grove - Cleveland, OH (2024)

Beatmix Mixtape - Chicago, IL (2024)

Shout Section Big Band - Chicago, IL (2024)

Eric Brink Quartet - Chicago, IL (2024)

Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners - Chicago, IL (2023)

Not My Dad - Chicago, IL (2023)

Bluewater Kings Band - Chicago, IL (2023)

Gold Coast All Stars - Chicago, IL (2023)

Jordan Kahn Music Company - Chicago, IL (2023)

Christopher Pitts Quartet - Indianapolis, IN (2023)

La Peña Orchestra - Chicago, IL (2023)

Giovany Reville - Chicago, IL (2023)

Buddy Rich Big Band - Chicago, IL (2022)

Anna Barlett Group - Lacrosse, WI (2022)

Blueshift Big Band - Chicago, IL (2022)  
Meghan Stagl Band - Chicago, IL (2022)  
Larry King Orchestra - Chicago, IL (2022)  
Terremoto - Chicago, IL (2022)  
Christy Bennett's Fumee - Chicago, IL (2022)  
Jazz Orgy Featured Artist - Oshkosh, WI (2022)  
Columbus High School Jazz Cabaret Featured Artist - Columbus, WI (2022)  
Garfield Park Orchestra - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Jared Thompson's Potluck - Indianapolis, IN (2021)  
Camila Mennitte Quintet - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Jack Sundstrom Quartet - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Ron Bedal Orchestra - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Heisenberg Uncertainty Players - Chicago, IL (2021)  
Son Ensemble - Bloomington, IN (2019-2020)  
14 Student Recitals - Stevens Point, WI and Bloomington, IN (2014-2020)  
Edgewood Show Choir - Edgewood, IN (2019-2020)  
Clark Hunt's Drive-By Big Band - Bloomington, IN (2018-2020)  
Brevard Summer Jazz Institute - Brevard, NC (2016-2019)  
Dan Nix Big Band - Indianapolis, IN (2019)  
The Fanatics - Bloomington, IN (2019)  
Jameson Scriver's Big Band - Bloomington, IN (2019)  
Water City Jazz Ensemble - Oshkosh, WI (2017-2018)  
Wausau Symphonic Band - Wausau, WI (2015-2018)  
Honor Flight Ensemble - Mosinee, WI (2018)  
John Greiner's Swingshift Big Band - Wausau, WI (2014-2018)  
Straight Ahead Jazz Camp: Jazz Institute of Chicago - Chicago, IL (2017)  
Swing City Jazz Ensemble - Stevens Point, WI (2014-2017)  
River City Big Band - Stevens Point, WI (2017)  
Hal Edwards Orchestra - Wisconsin Dells, WI (2017)  
Pointer Jazz Quintet - Plover, WI (2016-2017)

### **Festival Appearances**

Twin Cities Jazz Festival (2026)  
Riverfront Jazz Fest (2024)  
Jazz In the Streets (2024)  
Art and Garden Street Festival (2024)  
Fox Jazz Fest (2023)  
Mole De Mayo Festival (2023)

Indianapolis Jazz Festival (2021)  
Ear Taxi Festival (2021)  
New Normal Festival (2020)  
B'town Jazz Festival (2019)  
CHREECE Festival (2019)  
Feast of the Lanterns Festival (2019)  
Indiana University First Thursdays Festival (2019)  
Huntingburg First Friday's Festival (2019)  
Bull Falls Jazz Festival (2014/2017/2018)  
Eau Claire Jazz Festival (2017/2018)  
Riverfront Jazz Festival (2017)

### **Notable Venues**

Arthurs Pub - Dublin, IRE (2026)  
Ramova Theater - Chicago, IL (2026)  
Winters Jazz Club - Chicago, IL (2026)  
The Mint - Los Angeles, CA (2026)  
Monk's Jazz Club - Austin, TX (2026)  
City Winery - Chicago, IL (2026)  
Chicago Symphony Center (2025)  
Copernicus Center (2025)  
Andy's Jazz Club - Chicago, IL (2025)  
Winters Jazz Club - Chicago, IL (2025)  
Mr. Tipples Jazz Club - San Francisco, CA (2025)  
Chatterbox Jazz Club - Indianapolis, IN (2025)  
Constellation Chicago - Album Release Show - Chicago, IL (2024)  
Green Mill Cocktail Lounge - Chicago, IL (2023)  
Café Coda - Madison, WI (2023)  
The O2 - London, UK (2023)  
Rod Laver Arena - Melbourne, AUS (2023)  
Ovo Hydro - Glasgow, Scotland (2023)  
3Arena - Dublin, Ireland (2023)  
Arena Ciudad de México - Mexico City, MX (2023)  
Madison Square Garden - New York City, USA (2022)  
Crypto.com Arena - Los Angeles, USA (2022)  
Allianz Parque - São Paulo, Brazil (2022)  
Warwick Castle - Warwick, UK (2022)  
Constellation Chicago - Chicago, IL (2021)

### **Guest Artist Appearances**

Springman Middle School (2025)  
DC Everest High School (2025)  
Fort Atkinson High School (2025)  
Manitowoc Lincoln High School Jazz Tracks (2024)  
Cambridge High School and Nikolay Middle School (2023)  
Columbus High School Jazz Cabaret (2022)  
DC Everest High School w/Sammy Miller and the Congregation (2022)  
Wausau West Bandstock (2021)  
Stevens Point Area High School (2016)

### **Broadway Show Pit Experience**

Wonderful Town-IU Department of Theater and Dance (2019)

### **Discography**

Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude (2024)  
Rosalba Valdez: Day of the Dead EP (2024)  
Emmitt James: Most High (2023)  
Taylor Heinzen: The Last Great Singer (2022)  
Liz Composey: Pay It Forward (2022)  
Brandon Whyde: Love Me Like You Used To Single (2022)  
Miro Sobrer: Two of Swords (2021)  
Clint Breeze and the Groove: Endtime Overture (2020)  
Crossroads Quintet: Intertwined (2020)  
Starlite Lounge: Two singles, Postal Recording (2020)  
Crossroads Quintet: Meeting Ground EP (2019)  
Jack Greenwood: Flying Softly (2019)  
Omnos Quartet: Live album at Daly's Restaurant (2018)  
John Raymond's Big Band: Submission to Downbeat (2018)  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point: Promotional Video (2016)

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Private Music Studio - Finn Arts LLC (2015-present)**

Private Music Instructor

Conduct private lessons in trumpet, jazz trumpet, big band composition, combo composition, piano & music business. All skill levels.

**PCCC Arts (2021-present)**

Private Trumpet Instructor

Conduct private trumpet lessons to students through PCCC Arts located in the neighborhood of Pilsen in Chicago, IL.

**Jazz Empowers (2021-2022)**

Jazz Ensemble Director

Ensemble director for 15 beginner students at Rowe Middle School in Chicago, IL. All traditional instruments in a big band. Meets twice a week.

**Band for Today (2021-2022)**

Band Director

Working in seven schools around Chicago. K-8. Beginning band and beginning piano instructor.

**Birch Creek Jazz Camp 1 (2021)**

Teaching Assistant

Conducted sectionals and private lessons. Played in the faculty big band.

**Fusion Academy Oak Brook (2020-2021)**

Full-Time Music Director

Private High School. 1 on 1 classroom format. Teaching songwriting, music theory, drums, portfolio development, recording arts, and piano.

**Wausau Conservatory of Music (2018-2020)**

Trumpet Artist

Teach private lessons to students of all ages. Work summer music camp as primary brass faculty.

**Skidmore Jazz Institute (2019-2020)**

Teaching masterclasses and resident assistant for two summers to advanced high school and college jazz musicians.

**Brevard Summer Jazz Institute (2019)**

Resident and teaching assistant for advanced jazz students from across the country. Worked in a combo under the leadership of Ulysses Owens Jr and Jeff Sipe.

**Wausau West Senior High School (2018)**

Teacher Candidate/Student Teacher

Full time band director under the guidance of Dan Emerson. Conducted the second band, and assisted heavily with wind ensemble, private lessons jazz ensemble.

Dan Emerson: demerson@wausauschools.org

**Jazz Honors Intern (2017)**

Partnered with the UWSP Jazz Department, Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra (Jazz Department), and Boys and Girls Club of Portage County. A culmination of many different duties including teaching, marketing, promotion, and writing.

**Madison Music Clinic (2017)**

On staff through the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a counselor. Helped organize and run rehearsals, sectionals, and activities for junior high and high school age students.

Ben Jaeger: bjaeger@madison.k12.wi.us

**Solo and Ensemble Adjudicator (2017)**

D.C. Everest School District

**UW Stevens Point Brass Day Lecturer (2016)**

Presented a masterclass for trumpet students who attended the clinic

**DC Everest Summer Jazz Faculty (2013-2015)**

Combo coaching, 1 on 1 teaching, and big band sectional leader

**Press/  
Publications/  
Review**

**All About Jazz Album Review (2024 - NYC, NY)**

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**Couleurs Jazz Album Review (2024 - Paris, FR)**

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**Online Scene Mag By No.men (2024 - Germany)**

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**Cultural Attache: New Music This Week (2024 - Los Angeles, CA)**

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**Lullabies and Tempests Podcast Review** (2024 - Japan)

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**A Neon Jazz Interview Chicago-based Trumpeter & Composer Zachary Finnegan** (2024 - Kansas City, MO)

[Zachary Finnegan: Guidance & Gratitude](#)

**Relationships built at UW-Stevens Point send alumnus on a musical world tour** (2022 - Stevens Point, WI)

[Michael Bubl  Higher World Tour](#)

**WSAW** (2022 - Wausau, WI)

[DCE and UWSP Alumnus Performs with Michael Bubl  on Tour](#)

**Have You Heard Podcast** (2020 - Indianapolis, IN)

[Crossroads Quintet Interview](#)

**BMA Magazine** (2020 - Australia)

[Album Review: Geof Page BMA Crossroads Quintet](#)

**South Bend Tribune** (2019 - South Bend, IN)

[Modern jazz group Crossroads Quintet brings 'Meeting Ground' to Merrimans' Playhouse in South Bend](#)

## **Leadership/ Administrative Experience**

**Project Jumpstart Intern** (2019-2020)

This intern team is under the guidance of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Career Development at Indiana University. I held the position of Engagement Specialist. This four person intern team encourages student initiatives and creativity, holds events, clinics and masterclasses for the student body, and runs an innovation competition annually among other projects.

Alain Barker: [abarker@indiana.edu](mailto:abarker@indiana.edu)

**B'town Jazz Organization Board Member (2018-2020)**

This position consisted of a host of different jobs. I mainly operated our social media, attended meetings, voted on scholarships, and assisted in booking the 2020 B'town Jazz Festival over Labor Day Weekend.

John Porter: johnnyonenote82@gmail.com

**JEN Student Chapter (2018-2020)**

Founder and President of the Jazz Education Network Student Chapter at Indiana University. Affiliate with national and international resources through the JEN Network.

John Raymond: raymond@iu.edu

**Indiana University Jazz Librarian (2018-2020)**

Organize the Jazz Library at the University of Indiana. Second largest music library in the country.

Thomas Walsh: (812) 855-4446

**Jazz Society of UWSP (2013-2018)**

Treasurer 2015-2016,

President 2016-2018.

Organized funding to present concerts and masterclasses by prominent musicians; organized jam sessions, trips to concerts in Chicago and Appleton, and collaborated with other student organizations.

Mathew Buchman: (715) 346-4054

**Collegiate**

**John Raymond's Big Band/Contemporary Ensemble**

Directed by John Raymond at Indiana University (2018-2020)

**IU Jazz Celebration Feat. Vince Mendoza**

Directed by Vince Mendoza. Big band and full orchestra. (2019)

**UW-Stevens Point Jazz Ensemble (2013-2017)**

Directed by Mathew Buchman

**UW Stevens Point Orchestra (2014-2017)**

Directed by Patrick Miles and Andres Moran

**UW-Stevens Point Wind Ensemble (2013-2016)**

Directed by Brendan Caldwell, Jon Caldwell, and Michael Butler

### Artists Performed With (Collegiate/Summer Programs)

Michael Rodriguez (2019)	Thomas Walsh (2019)
Sammy Miller and the Congregation (2018)	
A.F. Shades of Blue (2018)	John Raymond (2017)
Steve Cardenas (2017)	Ben Allison (2017)
Allison Miller (2017)	Matt Wilson (2016)
Conrad Herwig (2016)	Janet Planet (2016)
Brandon Lee (2016)	Michael Dease (2016/2017)
Tim Green (2016)	Rodney Whitaker (2016)
Jeff Sipe (2016)	Jim Alfredson (2016)
Miguel Zenon (2015)	Jim McNeely (2015)
Martin Wind (2014)	Dave Pietro (2013)
Wayne Bergeron (2013)	Eric Marienthal (2013)

## AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

2020	New Normal Artist Festival Winner
2019	Jamey Aebersold Scholarship
2018	Susan E. Coleman Outstanding Senior Award
2018	UWSP Chancellor's Leadership Award
2016-2017	2x Recipient, Brevard Summer Jazz Institute Scholarship
2016-2017	2x Recipient, OSCAR Travel Grant
2013-2017	Dean's List
2016	Phi Eta Sigma Scholarship
2016	Swing Fling Scholarship
2016	Delta Omicron Music Scholarship
2015	David Piotrowski Music Scholarship
2015	A Gifley Scheirl Music Award
2014	UWSP Freshman Scholarship
2014	Soiree Musicale Scholarship
2013	Riverfront Jazz Scholarship Music Dept. Scholarship

## References

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### **Music Education Licensure**

WI Music Education Licensure - 1001363185

IL Music Education Licensure - 2486745

### **Primary Instructors**

Joey Tartell (2019-2020)

John Raymond (2018-2019)

Brent Turney (2013-2018)

Mathew Buchman (2015-2018)

Patrick Phalen (2010-2013)

### **Other Instructors**

Russ Johnson

Michael Dease

Brandon Lee

Stephen Houghton

Victor Garcia

Marty Robinson

Matt Wilson

Anthony Stanco

Brent Wallarab

Marques Carroll