

# DARRYL E. KNIFFEN

## EDUCATION

Master of Music in Music Education. Crane School of Music, State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY, 2014, GPA 3.9

Bachelor of Music in Music Education. Crane School of Music, State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY, 2009, *cum laude*

Regents Diploma. Shenendehowa Central High School, Clifton Park, NY, 2005

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Music Teacher. Stoneman Elementary School, Pittsburg, CA, 2017 – present

Responsible for:

- Teaching grades pre-kindergarten – 5 General Music
- Teaching grades 4 and 5 Instrumental Music
- Performing administrative duties

Music Teacher. Arlington Memorial Middle/High School and Fisher Elementary School, Arlington, VT, 2014 – 2017

Responsible for:

- Teaching grades 4-12 Instrumental Music
- Teaching grades 6-12 Music Technology
- Teaching grades 6-12 General Music
- Performing administrative duties

Professor of Music. State University of New York Adirondack, Queensbury, NY, 2015 – 2017

Responsible for:

- Teaching Jazz Ensemble

Music Teacher. Twin Valley Elementary School, Wilmington, VT, 2009 – 2014

Responsible for:

- Teaching grades pre-kindergarten – 5 General Music
- Leading weekly all-school sing along
- Teaching grades 4 and 5 Instrumental Music
- Performing administrative duties

Music Teacher. Readsboro Central School, Readsboro, VT, 2011 – 2013

Responsible for:

- Teaching grades pre-kindergarten – 8 General Music
- Tutoring students after school in mathematics, reading and writing

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for Music Education  
California Teachers Association  
Pittsburg Education Association

## PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

“Engaging Learners Through Project-Based Learning.” Presentation at *Southern Vermont Education Symposium*, Manchester, VT, March 2017

Guest speaker. Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, NY. Presentation-discussion focused on curriculum design, popular music pedagogy, and project-based instruction, 2010 – 2017

“Project-Based Learning in the General Music Classroom.” Presentation at *Vermont Music Educators Association Fall Conference*, Killington, VT, October 2014

“Popular Music Pedagogy.” Presentation at *Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium*, Tampa, FL, February 2011 (with Mark Robin Campbell and Linda Thompson)

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCES

Composer, bandleader, and drummer. News From Planet Kniffen, 2014 – present  
Freelance drummer and percussionist. 2003 – present

## REFERENCES

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