

Jess Forgione (she/her)

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Michigan State University
M.M. in Music Theory

East Lansing, MI
Anticipated 2026

Baylor University

B.M. in Composition

Waco, TX
2024

- Additional studies in Piano Pedagogy
- GPA 3.95 out of 4.00

Teaching Experience

Baylor University

Waco, TX

Summer Camp Instructor: Computers and Music

2023

- Taught a weeklong 60-minute music technology elective course to high school-age students at Baylor's Summer Piano Institute
- Designed curriculum and lesson plans for the class to cover several topics within music technology
- Received positive evaluations from students for course content and instruction

Self-Employed and Baylor University

Biloxi, MS, New Braunfels, TX, and Waco, TX

Piano Teacher

2010 – Present

- Taught weekly piano lessons to elementary/middle school-aged students
- Prepared students to participate in semesterly recitals (organized these recitals when self-employed)
- Taught group piano classes on topics related to music theory (at Baylor)

Community Arts Program of New Braunfels

New Braunfels, TX

Piano and Music Theory Instructor

2016 – 2020

- Taught biweekly music theory lessons to 8 piano and guitar students per semester (2016 – 2017)
- Taught weekly piano lessons to 4 students per semester (2017 – 2020)
- Prepared piano students to perform in one program recital each semester

Speer Mathnasiums

Schertz, TX

Instructor

2019 – 2021

- Tutored students on all levels of mathematics ranging from elementary arithmetic to calculus
- Instructed up to four students concurrently
- Coordinated student instruction and learning plans with other instructors

Scholarly Activity

Presentations

Texas Society for Music Theory Conference

Arlington, TX

"Functions of Chromatic Mediants in Video Game Music"

2024

Graduate Association of Musicologists *and* Theorists Conference

Denton, TX

"Functions of Chromatic Mediants in Video Game Music"

2024

Scholarly Activity cont.

Invited Talks

Baylor University

Invited Class Lecture: Chromatic Mediants

Waco, TX

2024

Baylor University

Invited Class Lecture: Chromatic Mediants

Waco, TX

2023

Creative Activity

Selected Original Compositions

Creeping Doom (*for violin, cello, clarinet, and piano*)

2024

Two Lullabies (*for solo voice and piano*)

2024

Wayfarer's Journey (*for piano duet*)

2024

If it ain't Baroque, don't Fux it (*for solo piano*)

2023

Romance (*for viola and piano*)

2023

Pyramid Scheme (*for solo piano*)

2022

The Chase (*for wind quintet*)

2021

Selected Original Soundtracks

Red Moon (short film)

2023

Curse of the Tethered Heart (game jam game)

2023

Binds of Time (short film)

2023

Slime Evolution (game jam game)

2023

Selected Performing Experience

First Presbyterian Church

Church Pianist

Waco, TX

2024

Perry Methodist Church

Church Pianist

Perry, TX

2022–2024

New Braunfels Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Church Pianist

New Braunfels, TX

2019–2020

Professional Leadership and Service

Baylor University Piano Department

Recording Technician and YouTube Channel Manager

Waco, TX

2023–2024

- Recorded faculty piano recitals
- Managed departmental YouTube channel

Baylor University Music Theory Department

Office Assistant

Waco, TX

2010 – Present

- Assisted with creation of aural skills textbook materials
- Recorded and edited audio examples
- Assisted with e-textbook formatting and usability testing

Awards & Honors

Undergraduate Academic Achievement Award, Baylor University

2024

Undergraduate Presentation Award, Texas Society for Music Theory

2024

Music Talent Scholarship, Baylor University

2020

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Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Society for Music Theory

Pi Kappa Lambda

Festivals & Workshops

Composition Institute, Brevard Music Center

2024

Video Game Scoring Summer Workshop, New York University

2023

Principal Teachers

Composition

Edward J.F. Taylor

Scott McAllister

Ben Johansen

Piano

Brian Marks

Jani Parsons

Ivan Hurd