



To obtain a position within your performing arts department as a Music Teacher or PYP Coordinator. I bring a strong background in international education, having successfully taught choral, instrumental, and elementary music at the middle and high school levels. I am dedicated to utilizing my expertise to enhance and elevate your program.

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SKILLS

- High Computer and Technology skills
- Curriculum development
- Coordinator of Student Council (International School of Kenya (3 years) , Hillcrest school (3 years)
- Helped with new Teacher Orientation for Osaka International School (2 years) and was the New Teacher Orientation Coordinator for International School of Kenya (4 years) , The American School of Kinshasa (2 years)
- Taught privately on all instruments and voice

LANGUAGES

- French | Intermediate
- Japanese | Elementary
- Swahili | Elementary

MUSIC K-12 TEACHER, PYP COORDINATOR

Daniel Ligon



EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2022 Present
PRIMARY PYP MUSIC TEACHER
Renaissance International School. Saigon, Vietnam
 - Spearheaded large-scale performances for festivals, International Days, Winter Fairs, and Talent Shows, showcasing student talent and fostering community engagement.
 - Authored and directed an original Primary Musical, enhancing student creativity and collaboration.
 - Initiated instrumental Strings and Band programs for Primary students, enriching the musical curriculum.
 - Organized and hosted the Young Primary Musicians Competition of Saigon for Years 3-6, promoting musicianship in a supportive environment.
 - Collaborated with PYP colleagues to integrate music into cross-curricular and transdisciplinary units, enhancing holistic learning.
 - Merged the British and IB music scope and sequence for PYP and MYP, refining the curriculum for clarity and vertical alignment.
- Aug 2015 Jul 2022
PRIMARY MUSIC TEACHER, HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DIRECTOR
Osaka International School. Osaka, Japan
 - Co-Taught the Middle School Choir, promoting collaborative learning and musical growth among diverse student groups.
 - Directed the High School Choir, enhancing vocal skills and mentoring aspiring musicians.
 - Coordinated the Private Lesson Program for all instruments, ensuring individualized instruction and boosting student engagement.
 - Developed and organized community concerts featuring performances by elementary and high school choral students, strengthening community ties and showcasing talent.
 - Collaborated with PYP colleagues and the MYP/DP music department to refine the music curriculum, ensuring vertical alignment and coherence.
 - Directed, performed, and provided vocal training for school productions, including "Grease," "Little Shop of Horrors," "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "Shrek," and "Once Upon This Island."
 - Authored the elementary musical "Continuing Adventures of Momotaro," fostering creativity and teamwork among students.
- Aug 2009 Jul 2015
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR DIRECTOR
The International School of Kenya. Nairobi, Kenya
 - Led Extra-Curricular Programs for Middle and High School Jazz Band and Drumline, promoting musical excellence and teamwork.
 - Coordinated the Private Lesson Teacher Program, ensuring high-quality instruction and effective student-instructor matching.
 - Organized concerts, large-scale international community events, and band trips, including intercultural experiences in Kenya and a jazz festival in South Africa.
 - Directed band camps for Middle and High School students and conducted the orchestra for high school musicals, including "Sweeney Todd" and "Once Upon a Mattress," providing diverse performance opportunities.
 - Facilitated collaborations with special guest artists from around the world and managed participation in various band festivals.
 - Taught general music classes with an emphasis on technology integration, world percussion, and music video production, promoting a diverse musical education.
 - Contributed to the development of curriculum benchmarks aligned with international and American National Music Standards.
 - Developed the Choral Curriculum, enhancing vocal training and performance opportunities for young musicians.
 - Coordinated the Middle School Choir Festival in Tanzania and organized all-school community concerts, fostering cultural exchange and community engagement.
- Aug 2005 Jul 2009
BAND DIRECTOR (GRADES 6-12), GENERAL MUSIC AND CHOIR DIRECTOR (K-12), DRAMA DIRECTOR (GRADES 9-12), COLLEGE COUNSELOR
The Kinshsa American School. Kinshsa, DR Congo
 - Developed and coordinated the band program for grades 6-12, fostering musical growth and engagement among students.
 - Organized and executed large community events, including concerts, graduations, drama and musical productions, SAT coordination, college information nights, and intercultural performances.
 - Designed and implemented curriculum aligned with international and American National Music Standards, ensuring a comprehensive and effective music education experience.
- Apr 2004 Jul 2005
PSYCH TECHNICIAN, MUSIC AND ART THERAY
Cox North Mental Hospital. Springfield, Missouri
 - Psych Technician, Music and Art Therapy
 - Worked with adult patients 18 years old to 55 years old in a mental hospital with day-to- day activities as well as teaching music and art therapy
- Aug 2001 Dec 2003
ELEMENTARY MUSIC, MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, GIFTED
Lockwood R-1 School. Lockwood Missouri, USA
 - Band Director (6-8), General Music and Choir Director (K-8), Gifted Teacher
 - Coordinated the band program
 - Coordinated large community events and concerts
 - Helped with the gifted program (2-6)
- Aug 2000 Jul 2001
GENERAL MUSIC/HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR
New Covenant Academy. Springfield, Missouri
 - Coordinated the band program including state and local competitions • Coordinated large community events, state festivals concerts, drama production and helped coordinate the High School Prom
- Aug 1998 Jul 2000
BAND DIRECTOR (GRADES 6-8), GENERAL MUSIC TEACHER (K-12), ART TEACHER (K-12), LIBRARIAN (K-12), 1ST GRADE TEACHER
Niamey American School. Niamey, Niger
 - Established and enhanced the band program while refining the music curriculum to promote student engagement and skill development.
 - Coordinated and managed large community events, including concerts and art shows, fostering collaboration and showcasing student talents.
 - Team-taught 1st grade science and reading, effectively integrating bilingual instruction in both French and English to support diverse learners.
- Aug 1994 Jul 1998
BAND DIRECTOR (GRADES 6-12), CHOIR DIRECTOR (GRADES 6-12), DRAMA DIRECTOR (GRADES 9-12)
Hillcrest School. Jos, Nigeria
 - Coordinated and managed the band, choral, and drama programs, overseeing the senior play in the fall and the spring musical to enhance student participation and performance quality.
 - Organized large community events, including festivals, art shows, drama productions, and concerts, while also providing private lessons and directing jazz bands to foster a vibrant arts community.

CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES

Lifetime certification in Music Education from the State of Missouri, USA

- Masters in Secondary Education (MSED) with an emphasis in Music Education December 2003
- BA in Music Education k-12, Southeastern Assemblies of God University, Florida 1991-1994

IB Certifications:

- IB Category 2 MYP introductory course November 2022
- IB PYP Category 3 in Cultures of Thinking from Harvard University, October--December 2018
- IB PYP Category 2 in Assessment practices at Yokohama International School, October 2018
- IB PYP Category 1 and 2 Assessment practices October 2015, September 2017
- Making the PYP Happen, October 2015
- SUNY Masters CourseIntensive Week long course November 2013
- Introduction to the Gifted, Talented, and Creative Learnerearned 3 credit hours Southwest Missouri State University, Missouri 2001--2003

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