

Dexter Birk Resume

Class of 2026, The Manhattan School of Music

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EDUCATION

Manhattan School of Music (Merit Scholarship Recipient)

Fall 2022 - Current (Class of 2026)

The Chicago Academy for The Arts High School, 2021-2022

Graduated, May, 2022

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, 2018-2021

**Transferred Mid-Semester to The Chicago Academy for The Arts due to COVID + Chicago Teachers Strike*

Near North Montessori School Elementary (PreK-8), 2007-2018

Graduated, May, 2018

Includes Montessori Model United Nations, New York, 2017 and 2018

MUSICAL RESIDENCIES AND WORKSHOPS

Residency (2024)

Express Newark Residency with Jasmine Mans

Awarded Workshop (2024)

Express Newark Residency with Stephon Harris

JAZZ PIANO SPECIAL CONCERTS

2024 "We Have Tomorrow Bright Before Us" Presented by the MSM Black Student Union

2023, 2024 Jazz Combo Fest, Manhattan School of Music

2022 Dexter Birkenbeuel Chicago Academy for the Arts Senior Recital

2022 Mayor Lori Lightfoot's Harold Washington 100th Year Birthday Celebration

2021 Interlochen Collage

2021 Ravinia Jazz Festival

2019 Whitney M. Young Jazz Combo Concert

2019 Whitney M. Young Jazz Ensemble Concert

2019 Merit School of Music Jazz Combo Set

CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERTS

2022 Chicago Academy for the Arts Spring Concert

2021 Chicago Academy for the Arts Fall Concert

2020 No performances *Pandemic*

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2019 Merit School of Music Spring Concert - Duet
2019 Merit School of Music Performathon
2018 Merit School of Music Spring Concert - Duet
2018 Merit School of Music Winter Concert - Duet
2018 Merit School of Music Performathon
2018 Jazz Combo + Jazz concert band performance
2016 Sherwood Winter Concert
2016 The Sherwood Community Music School Piano Concert
2012 Sherwood Summer Concert

AWARDS AND AUDITIONS

2022 - Mu Xi's Chapter 39th Annual Talent Hunt, 1st Place
2021 - Summer, Interlochen, Jazz Piano
2020 - Summer, Interlochen, Classical Piano
2019 - Summer, Blue Lake Piano Scholarship
2018 - Merit School of Music Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory Solo Competition 2017
Awarded Full Scholarship, Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory, Merit School of Music 2017
Gold Medal - Sonatina Festival, "Sonatina In C Major" by Dmitry Borisovich Kabalevsky *Led by master piano teacher Anne Birman, Merit School of Music, at Sherwood Music School*

MUSIC BANDS AND GROUPS

The Chicago Academy for The Arts, Jazz Band, 2021-2022

Jazz Institute of Chicago, 2021-2022

Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Big Band, 2021-2022

Chicago Young Masters, Jazz Combo, 2021

Interlochen Center for the Arts, Summer 2021 (in-person)

Transitioned from Classical Piano; Auditioned and accepted into the Jazz Performance & Improvisation Summer Program for High School Students

Interlochen Center for the Arts, Summer 2020 (Virtual due to pandemic)

Classical Piano Summer Program for High School Students

Whitney Young High School Jazz Band, 2019 - 2021

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Ravinia Jazz Scholar, 2019 - 2022

Merit School of Music, 2012 - 2020

Classical Pianist

Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory for Classical Piano at Merit School of Music, 2017 - 2019

Sherwood Music School, 2010 - 2011

Classical Pianist, Private and Group Lessons

PRIVATE PIANO MUSIC INSTRUCTION/MENTORING

Marc Cary

2023-Current

Mike King

2022-Current

Elio Villafranca

2022-Current

Jonathan Hannau, Classical

2021-2022

Ernest Khabir Dawkins, Jazz

2021

Steve Million, Jazz

2019-2022

Richard Johnson, Jazz

2019-2022

Dr. Ann Birman, Classical

2013-2021

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT

After School Matters

Summer, 2022

Jazz Big Band

After School Matters

Summer, 2018, 2019

Digital Music Production and Youth Radio

University of Chicago Lab School

Summer School, 2015 and 2016

School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) Continuing Studies

Summer, 2014, 2015 and 2016

Web design, Graphic design, Animation

WRITING AWARDS

Gwendolyn Brooks Youth Poetry Awards Winners

University of Chicago Lab Summer School/Near North Montessori

2017 Honorable Mention - "Nothing New" by Dexter Birkenbeuel

SKILLS

Typing

Google Classroom

SoundCloud/Apple Logic Pro X/FL Studio

Photography

Sales/Customer Service

SPORTS AWARDS

2016, Evanston Speedskating Club, 3rd Place

2011-2014, The Chicago Wolfpack Aquatics Club (CWAC)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Music and Video Production

Songwriting - Electronica, Chicago House Music and Hip Hop

Fitness

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VOLUNTEER

2019 - European American Food Pantry

2015 - Thanksgiving Dinner, for Alderman Walter Burnett, Ward 27

2013 - The Honeycomb Project

Merit Scholarships

Manhattan School of Music, 2022 - current

WORK EXPERIENCE

Manhattan School of Music

Staff IT (part-time)

Summer 2024

Manhattan School of Music

Librarian (part-time)

Summer 2023

Manhattan School of Music

Pre-College Division Associate

School year, 2022 - 2023

Near North Montessori

Cashier, Marketing and Food Preparation

2017 - 2018

INTERNSHIP

March 2018 - Merit School of Music Library