

# NATHAN WALTON

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a freelance musician and music teacher with 10+ years of experience performing professionally and teaching publicly and privately. I possess a B.Mus. with a specialization in Music Cognition and a performance diploma in Performance Psychology. I am looking to leverage my knowledge and performance experience into a role as an orchestra member, pedagogue, or band leader. Some of my long term goals include combining music and health into an M.D. degree in Performance Medicine or Psychiatry, and completing a M.Mus. in classical performance.

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## EDUCATION

*MCMASTER UNIVERSITY*

*September 2012 – April 2016*

- B.Mus. and Perf. Dip. with honors: *cum laude* (GPA: 3.6/4.0: Dean' List)
  - Performance and Music Cognition Specialization
  - Teaching assistant for theory, aural skills cognition courses
  - Woodwind chamber music ensemble leader and director of rehearsals for sectionals
  - Research assistant volunteer and subject in music cognition labs: LIVE Lab and MAPLE Lab
  - Scholarships/awards received:
    - JJ. Holder and N. Cockshutt scholarship
    - Merrill F. Gage scholarship
    - Norman Nathaniel Caskey scholarship
    - Norah Langton Music Award
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## EXPERIENCE

*FREELANCE PERFORMING MUSICIAN, GTA & SURROUNDING AREA*

*2012 - Present*

*Woodwinds, guitar, baritone*

- Principal/section leader: McMaster University ensembles (orchestra, chamber ensembles, concert band, choir, and chamber choir), Ontario Youth Acapella Chorus, Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (HPYO), George Rose Big Band, "Saxation" saxophone quartet, "Pitch, Please" barbershop quartet
- Substitute: Niagara Symphony Orchestra, Symphony on the Bay, Chorus Niagara, Chorus Niagara, Chorus Hamilton, The Brant Men of Song, Theater Ancaster, Arcady, Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (RHLI) Band
- Various: Pitband performer, local acoustic and recording artist shows

*PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHER, GTA & SURROUNDING AREA + ONLINE*

*2016 - Present*

*Woodwinds, guitar, voice, audio production, recording, and theory*

- Teaching through my own private studio, Rockstar Music, The Mississauga Fine Arts Academy, and Conservatory Canada, Ridley College, McMaster University
- Create and implement custom tailored music lessons and programs to meet clients needs
- Trained in Orff and Kodaly methods

- Schedule and coordinate meetings, appointments, and arrangements for students and performing agencies
  - Typed documents such as correspondence, drafts, memos, and emails, and prepare weekly reports for students and parents
  - Created my own online business pages, SEO and Facebook/Google ads experience
  - Specializing in masterclasses and audition preparation
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## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

*ONTARIO MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATE (OMEA) CONFERENCE*

*May 2018*

- Liaison for workshops and for LIVELab tours at McMaster

*W. ROSS MACDONALD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND*

*August 2015*

- Created and implemented tailor made lesson plans for school aged children with varying special needs
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## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Expert in Microsoft Office suite
  - Logic Pro X and audio recording savvy
  - Extremely web and tech savvy - require little to no training in this area
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## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

*TODAY'S FAMILY: MUSIC AND WELLBEING COORDINATOR*

*May – September 2017*

- Planned age appropriate, creative, fun, and educational activities to improve children's music and interpersonal skills using established educational theory that meet OCT curriculum standards

*BRANT FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES*

*April 2014 – December 2016*

- Supported children and their families through emotionally charged family meetings
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## REFERENCES

**1. Zoltan Kalman** – Associate Professor, Clarinet,  
McMaster University

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**4. Margot Post** – Brant Family and Children  
Services, Family Group Decision Making Facilitator

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