

JAMES M. GERBIG

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OBJECTIVE

I am currently seeking full-time employment in any capacity. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education, and I am licensed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to teach Instrumental Music, grades K – 12.

WORK HISTORY

Instrumental Music Teacher

I have served as a substitute teacher in the McFarland School District from the 2005 through 2008 school years, and taught private music lessons at the Drums n' Moore music store in Monona from 2005 through 2008. I am currently employed at Target, store #1060 (Madison – west side) as an overnight truck unload/store restock worker, and I also teach music lessons at Good n' Loud music on University Ave. in Madison, where I have been working since 2008.

From July of 2000 until August of 2004, I taught Instrumental Music to students in grades 4 – 8 at St. Matthew's Catholic School, and Resurrection Catholic School, both in Green Bay. During that time, the Jazz, Concert, and beginning bands from St. Matthew School participated in the Music in the Parks Competition at Six Flags Great America every Spring. The performances were consistently judged Excellent or Superior; in 2004, the Jazz Band won First Place in their division with a rating of Superior, and were awarded the Judges' Choice Award.

From May, 1997 until July, 2000 I taught private music lessons in my home studio and at Heid Music Company, in Green Bay. I also taught two days per week at the Oneida Nation Elementary School in Oneida, Wisconsin, as an "Artist in Residence".

From August, 1984 until May, 1997 I served as director of Instrumental Music at Howards Grove High School in Howards Grove, Wisconsin. During that time I conducted the Concert, Symphonic, Jazz, Marching, and Pep Bands; I taught individual lessons on all of the instruments (including guitar, bass guitar, and drum set); I took the Concert/Symphonic bands on three trips – a music festival in Williamsburg, Virginia; another festival in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and a concert performance at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. At the Williamsburg and Toronto music festivals, the performances were judged "Excellent" and received "First Place" Awards.

I was invited to conduct the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Honors Bands at the Pabst Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1991. In 1993 I was contacted by the Audio-Visual Department of Kohler Company to create and record music for a promotional video project and for a television commercial for their Woodlake Market.

My first year in Howards Grove was spent as an Elementary/ Middle School Band Instructor three days per week. Prior to my work in Howards Grove, I taught beginning band lessons at two elementary schools in the Waukesha, WI school district. I also worked as a substitute teacher in the Waukesha, Hartland/ Arrowhead, Pewaukee, and West Allis school districts.

From October, 1978 until August, 1983 I worked for White House of Music – a music store/teaching studio in Waukesha, Wisconsin. There I taught private lessons on guitar, trumpet, and trombone. I also worked in the store as a sales representative. In 1980 I was contracted by the Waukesha YWCA to develop and teach a beginning/intermediate group guitar lesson program.

EDUCATION Advanced Degree Studies

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; Workshop on Computers and Music using MIDI; Workshop on Curriculum Development in Instrumental Music

University of Wisconsin – Madison; Workshop on Computers/ Synthesizers and MIDI for Music Instruction

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse; Jazz Performance Workshop with Clark Terry

VanderCook College of Music, Chicago, IL; Summer Music Workshop Series, with Alfred Reed, Ralph Hale, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, 1982, Honors Graduate. While at UW-M I composed and performed two duets for flute and classical guitar, and co-arranged a selection of Christmas Carols for the UW-M Symphony Orchestra. I served as Treasurer of the Symphony Band from 1979 to 1980, and was President of the Symphony Band for the 1980-81 school year. I performed on trumpet with the Symphony Band, the Wind Ensemble, and the Brass Choir. I also performed with the Wind Ensemble on guitar and banjo for a special concert at the Pabst Theatre in Milwaukee.

Public School

I graduated from Pewaukee High School, Pewaukee, WI in 1977. Among the honors I received were the Arion Music Award and the Pewaukee Education Association Scholarship.

AWARDS

I have been selected as a “Most Influential Teacher” by one of the top ten graduating seniors of Howards Grove High School in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and in 1998.