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Education

Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH)
B.A. Biology, Minors in Entrepreneurship and Music (2005-2009)
Graduated *magna cum laude*: Cumulative GPA: 3.82, Science GPA: 3.66

Presidential Scholar and Performing Arts Scholarship (\$20,000/yr.)
Pre-Professional Scholars in Medicine (early acceptance to CWRU Med School)
The Arthur H. Benade Prize (for arts contribution)

Conservatorium van Amsterdam (Amsterdam, NL)
6-month exchange program for Jazz Piano (Spring 08)

Course Work

Pre-med Biology and Chemistry Curriculum, Neurophysiology Lab, Animal Behavior, Neurobiology of Behavior, Biotechnology Lab, Entrepreneurial Finance, Marketing, New Venture Creation, Entrepreneurial Studies, Biorobotics Research, Technology Management and Economics, Music Theory/History Curriculum

Work Experience

CitizenGroove LLC (2008-Current) – Cleveland, OH

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer

CitizenGroove is the first internet-based professional media platform that represents how content is created and distributed in the real world

I have led our management team to raise over \$150,000 in non-risk capital for seed-stage development. We have won the following awards: COSE Arts Entrepreneur Award, LCCC Glide Innovation Fund, North Coast Opportunities Technology Fund, Civic Innovation Lab Grant, and the LuanchTown Entrepreneurship Award.

Cleveland Music Settlement Jazz Orchestra (2006-2007) – Cleveland, OH

Assistant Director, Piano instructor

International Society of Bassists (2005) – Kalamazoo, MI

Producer, Director, and Crew Member for Convention Documentary

Managed DVD distribution (500 units to 13 countries), (gross \$10,000 on budget of \$100)

Freelance Pianist, Keyboardist, Composer, and Arranger (2003-Current)

Recipient of 2004 Downbeat Magazine Outstanding Fusion Instrumental Group Award (27th Annual Student Music Awards), Extensive international performance experience (100+ concerts), Produced and Recorded 4 albums, Freelance Compositions commissioned by Case Western Reserve University Marketing Dept, American Greetings Corp., and others.

Studied with notable professors/musicians: Dan Wall (*Oberlin Conservatory*), Anita Pontremoli (*Cleveland Institute of Music*), Rob van Bavel (*Conservatorium van Amsterdam*), Jamey Haddad (*Cleveland Institute of Music*), Paul Ferguson (*CWRU*)

Skills and Interests

Presentations (Average 1 presentation/wk. for CitizenGroove LLC), Graphic Design, Film Making, and Film Composition: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Final Cut Pro experience; Interested in combining fields of information technology, media, performing arts, and entrepreneurial practices given my unique background in all these areas; I also enjoy world travel and the opportunity to work across multiple disciplines

References available upon request