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PROFILE

I am a worship minister who has over fifteen years of practical ministerial experience in worship arts. I possess the following valuable qualities:

- **Leadership:** Self-motivated and able to lead team to accomplish the overall vision and mission of the local church. Experience leading worship teams in churches ranging from 200-3000 members, to create engaging meaningful worship services that draw into the presence of God.
- **Management:** Comprehensive administration skills, team player, problem-solver, sets goals and strives to achieve them, resourceful, technologically knowledgeable
- **Communication:** Gifted as a leader of a team, creating an inviting space for collaboration, and active listening.
- **Music Skills:** Have been a student of music for over twenty-two years. Professional proficiency in Piano, Organ, Keyboard, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocal Harmony, Ear Training, Sight Reading, Music Transcription, Chord Charts, Musical Directing, Arranging, Orchestrating, Songwriting, and Composing.
- **Technical Expertise:** Advanced knowledge of Audio Engineering, ProTools, Sound Design, Sequencing, MIDI, Finale, Final Cut, Stage Design, Lighting, CCLI, iOS, Mac, Windows, Microsoft Office, Planning Center, Power Point, and ProPresenter.

EDUCATION

2004 – 2008 Belmont University, Nashville, TN
BBA in Music Business

WORK EXPERIENCE

2017 – 2018 *Restoration Church NYC* New York, NY
Worship Leader: Restoration Church was a church plant started in the West Village neighborhood of Manhattan. The West Village is a very affluent, progressive, and dynamic area of New York City which has not seen a thriving church ministry in the neighborhood in fifty years. I was brought on the leadership team to help execute the vision of the planting pastor and facilitate the musical aspects of the Sunday service. Lead music and play piano. Work with volunteer singers to select appropriate keys for singer's voice. Transpose and prepare song charts.

2015 – 2016 *Canoe Creek Christian Church (400 weekly)* St Cloud, FL
Worship Leader: Lead two weekly worship services alongside a team of 8 musicians and vocalists, as well as technical personnel. Plan services along side of Worship Coordinator to select appropriate music and scripture elements

to be implemented into Sunday services. Lead from piano/keyboard supply lead vocals and supervise band members and give direction to arrangements and vocal harmonies.

2012 – 2015

Crosslife Church (3000 weekly)

Oviedo, FL

Pianist & Arranger: Worked along side of the Minister of Worship Arts and Contemporary Worship Leader as well as a staff of five technical staff members to create two unique worship services weekly. Served as staff pianist along side of a team of 100 volunteer choir members and 35 orchestra members to execute a professional quality traditional/blended service. Served as Piano, organ, and keyboard player for contemporary second service with a band of 10 musicians and 3 vocalists. Also worked behind the scenes utilizing Planning Center, creating arrangements, composing original pieces, and creating click and background tracks. Was expected to play for special events such as, Christmas Eve, Good Friday, evening services, prayer meetings, and business meetings, in addition to my Sunday morning duties. Helped to execute three special theatrical productions a year for Christmas, Easter and July 4th Celebrations. Occasionally participating in several community outreach concerts. Expected to learn and perform complicated arrangements and follow the worship leader in spontaneous situations. Musical selections were extremely varied and in a several styles including hymns, gospel, traditional choral, contemporary, rock, motown, R&B, jazz, swing, and orchestral selections. Hosting special music guests including, Guy Penrod, Newsboys, and Sandi Patty.

2014

Metro Church (500 Weekly)

Winter Springs, FL

Worship Leader: Musical and Artistic vision for weekly services. Play piano and acoustic/electric guitar. Lead team of 50 volunteer musicians and vocalist. Develop future worship leadership of church to become autonomous, confident, self-reliant worship leaders. Give leadership to the technical team including staff (audio engineer, production manager, video and graphics designer.) Select songs and Coordinating worship services along side the Senior Pastor and Operations Manager. Prepare Charts utilizing Planning Center and ProPresenter. Prepare all necessary equipment and materials necessary for weekly rehearsals and services. Make recommendations for equipment updates and purchases. Provide musical and vocal coaching for musicians and vocalists. Attend weekly staff meetings and help with staff moral. Submitting myself to the leadership of the elder board. Provide spiritual support and guidance to the members of my team and being intentional in creating relationships with them outside of music preparation.

2012

First Baptist Church (300 weekly)

St Cloud, FL

Assistant Worship Leader: Pianist for worship services. Assist Worship Leader to coordinate with team of 25 volunteers. Give musical leadership to musicians as Band Leader. Prepare and execute piano parts for both traditional and contemporary services. Give musical suggestions of arrangements and music parts to volunteer musicians. Attend all weekly rehearsals for band and vocalists. Serve as accompanists for choir rehearsals. Utilize Planning Center to prepare charts for musicians.

2008 – 2009

Faith Baptist Church (200 Weekly)

Kissimmee, FL

Worship Leader: Lead team of 20 volunteers. Play piano and guitar. Work along side Pastor to create engaging themed worship services and select musical and artistic elements to compliment sermon series. Administrate volunteer staff and schedule musicians and vocalists and technical staff on a rotational basis. Plan and lead artistic elements for special Christmas Eve and Good Friday services.

2006 – 2008

The People's Church (5000 Weekly - Multi-campus)

Franklin, TN

Pianist: Serve as pianist and keyboard player for one of three campuses weekly. Learn music selections for two Sunday services weekly. Expected to execute at a professional level. Serve along side other professional volunteer musicians in Nashville area. Meet incredibly high expectations of professionalism. Submit to the leading of pastor, worship leader, band leader and other church leadership. Had the opportunity to lead with prominent contemporary Christian artists including Rebecca St. James, Matthew West and Michael W. Smith.

2007 – 2008

BMI Nashville Song Cast

Nashville, TN

Internship: Worked with BMI Nashville a global Performance Rights Organizations to work with a team of veteran music industry professionals including over 65 record label, music publisher, and management companies to place original songs on commercially produced musical albums.

2006 – 2007

EMI Christian Music Publishing

Brentwood, TN

Internship: Worked with Christian music publisher, Worship Together, to produce and release original worship music by 100s of prominent artists such as Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Passion Worship, Matthew West, Steven Curtis Chapman, Michael W. Smith. Supervised Songwriter and publisher catalog and royalty database entry as well as Worship Together sheet music and chord chart print music books.

2005 – Present

DNA Entertainment LLC

Kissimmee, FL

Co-Founder and President: Company started to produce commercial music projects and publish original songs.

VISION

Collaborating with other musicians as well as the sound and visual teams to create high quality worship experience every week. Using technology such as video, lighting, still images, and stage design to compliment the musical aspects of the worship experience and to draw people into the throne room of God. Drawing on all aspects of art as well as pop culture to engage the un-churched in our generation.

BIOGRAPHY

I have been involved in Christian ministry my entire life. My father is a minister and I have served on multiple music teams in various churches as both a lay musician and in a worship leading capacity. I have been heavily involved in the music ministry of several churches of various sizes from 200 members to a very large church with a multi-campus ministry with a weekly attendance of about 5,000. My experience has given me the opportunity to play with several nationally acclaimed Contemporary Christian artists, including Matthew West, Rebecca St. James and Sandi Patty.

I studied recording engineering at Belmont University and have taken courses in analog and digital recording as well as post-production for film. Since leaving Nashville, I have been on the worship arts staff at several churches most prominently as the pianist and arranger for Crosslife Church Oviedo, FL. I worked with a 40-piece orchestra, 100-person choir, and a 10-piece contemporary band. The church ministers to 3000 people weekly and is continually adding additional campuses.

I have been a musician for over twenty years playing the piano, guitar, bass, and drums. I have been a singer all my life, and began singing with my father at church when I was five years old. I have been a songwriter since the age of fifteen, and have spent a great deal of time writing in Nashville with other songwriters. I started my own Music Publishing company called DNA Entertainment LLC in 2005. I have experience as a music producer and arranger producing demos recordings for myself and other fellow songwriters. I have a recording studio in my home with which I can do an endless number of creative projects including, audio recording, sequencing, arranging, musical scoring, and video editing.

I am an artist first and foremost. I love art and all that it brings to us as an expression of God's love to his children. I would love the opportunity to work with like-minded people who will not compromise on their standards for excellence as we draw people into the throne of God every week.

MINISTRY SAMPLE

Worship Leader Samples –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tibiNscsmqo&list=PLXz5Ya_wKtkK3vj_-d5kYdfZHIYgfMTca

Albums- Advent On Ivory – <http://www.iheart.com/artist/brian-ames-30716005/albums/advent-on-ivory-29586056/>

Church Production Videos –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhmTWBcmk04&list=PLXz5Ya_wKtkK0tIDTrTKfnPqM8MpG6rkC

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Federation of Musicians Associated Musicians of Greater New York Local 802

PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

Hammond Organ Artist - Hammond Organ Company USA

<http://hammondorganco.com/artists/organ-and-leslie-artists/brian-ames/>

REFERENCES

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