

David C. Wells

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Professional Profile

Music educator, clinician, and saxophonist with extensive knowledge and professional experience in the areas of jazz and classical music.

Selected Teaching Experience

Saxophone Instructor, Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 2005-present

- Teach private saxophone lessons to students on a weekly basis
- Help students develop all areas of saxophone playing including technique, classical repertoire, and jazz improvisation
- Prepare students for semester-end juries and administer grades

Jazz Combo Director, Westbrook High School, Westbrook, ME, 2005-present

- Lead ensemble in rehearsals, concerts, and competitions
- Select and arrange music for group
- Discuss topics including music theory, jazz harmony, and improvisation

Faculty, Portland Conservatory of Music, Portland, ME, 2003-2007

- Teach private saxophone lessons to students on a weekly basis
- Co-lead annual Summer Jazz Workshop for all instruments, teaching jazz history, music theory, ear training, and directing ensembles

Selected Performance Experience

Performance/Recording Credits

Rosemary Clooney
Lionel Hampton
The Count Basie Orchestra
Bob Mintzer
Matt Catingub
Zigaboo Modeliste
Don Rickles

Jazz Festivals/Venues

Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, England
Stuttgart Jazz Festival, Germany
Concord-Fujitsu Jazz Festival, California
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Hawaii
San Jose Jazz Festival, California
Berklee College of Music, Boston
North Beach Jazz Festival, San Francisco

Education

California State University - East Bay, Hayward, CA
Undergraduate Studies, 1994-99

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Undergraduate Studies, 1993-94

Private saxophone studies with George Garzone, Mel Martin, and Larry Schneider