

KENYON CARTER

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PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Saxophone Instructor, Private Studio

- Students study technique, tone production, repertoire, jazz improvisation, music theory, and composition. Students have been consistently placed in honor bands and college music programs and many are currently active professional musicians.

Saxophone Instructor, Collegiate Level

- North Georgia College and State University, 2007-present
- Valdosta State University, 2000-2001, 2006
- Darton College, 2002-2003

Band Director/School Music Teacher

- Full time band director of both middle and school bands since 2001. Students have developed high levels of musicality and consistently earned positions in honor bands and superior ratings at contests and festivals.

Summer Music Camp Staff/Instructor/Guest Artist

- Encore! Music Camps saxophone instructor since 2002. This includes teaching the honor jazz band, jazz combo, saxophone master class and jazz improvisation. Guest Artist at Georgia College and State University's 2007 summer jazz camp

EDUCATION

- M.M. in Music Performance (Jazz Studies Emphasis), Georgia State University, 1999-2001
- B.M. in Music Education (Instrumental Emphasis), Valdosta State University, 1995-1999
- B.M. in Music Performance (Jazz Saxophone Emphasis), Valdosta State University, 1995-1999

RECENT PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Freelance Musician – Atlanta, GA
- Cobb Symphony Orchestra
- CSO Jazz!
- Kidd Blue
- The Soul Purpose Band
- Kayla Taylor Jazz
- Maria Howell Quartet
- Gwinnett Philharmonic Jazz

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Listed in "Who's Who Among American Teachers"
- Former Vice President of the Georgia Association for Jazz Education
- Jazz Honor Band Clinician
- Graduate Assistantship, Jazz Studies Georgia State University – Atlanta, GA
- Outstanding Musicianship Award Elmhurst College Jazz Festival – Chicago, IL

TESTIMONIALS

"Kenyon Carter is one of the finest educators I know. He has a great rapport with his students while maintaining their undivided attention and respect. As a player, Kenyon is first rate and serves as an inspiration to his students and peers alike. As my son's teacher, I trust his instruction 100%!"

– Sam Skelton
Director of Jazz Studies
Kennesaw State University

"I wouldn't be the musician I am today without my lessons with Kenyon. He is, hands down, the best teacher I've ever had."

– Ryan Whitehead
Professional Saxophonist

Kenyon is a knowledgeable teacher who shows a compassionate demand of progress and work from his students. He honors each student by showing his belief that each can learn about music structure, but also personal expression. He is a good mentor as well as a fine player.

– Fritz Siler
GAJE Jazz Workshop Coordinator