

# Calder J. Adkins

Musician, Arranger, Composer, Conductor, Educator

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## EDUCATION

**Berklee College of Music** | *Boston, MA*

September 2019 – May 2023

B.M. Professional Music; concentrations in Contemporary Writing and Production, Composition, Jazz Composition  
and Musical Theater Conducting

*Summa cum laude*

Conducting: Eric Stern

Piano: Ben Cook

Saxophone: Jackie Beard, Edmar Colón

Bass: Anthony Vitti

Composition: Brian Buch, Bob Pilkington

Arranging: Jeri Sykes

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### LIVE PERFORMANCE

**Accompanist** | *Berklee College of Music Voice Department, Boston, MA*

August 2022 – May 2023

- Provided accompanist services as an electric bassist to voice students in weekly lab classes; prepared to play a wide range of styles including pop, rock, country, and jazz

### *Selected Performances:*

#### CONCERTS/CABARETS

Class of 2023 Commencement Concert	Alto Sax	Agganis Arena	2023
Curtain Up!	Music Director	Berklee Performance Center	2023
Synchronicity: The Music of Sting and The Police	Conductor Alto Sax (sub)	Berklee Performance Center	2022
Things I Tell My Therapist	Associate MD	Berklee Broadway Band	2022
I'm Still Standing: The Music of Elton John	Conductor	Berklee Performance Center	2022
Berklee on Broadway MT Showcase	Alto Sax	Power Station, BerkleeNYC	2022
Berklee Musical Theater Gala	Bass	Berklee College of Music	2021
Great American Songbook: The 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of <i>Tapestry</i>	Alto Sax	Berklee College of Music	2021
The World Goes 'Round: The Songs of Kander and Ebb	Bass	Berklee Performance Center	2020

#### COMMUNITY/COLLEGIATE MUSICAL THEATER

Seussical	Bass	Boston University	2023
Rock of Ages	Bass	Emerson College	2022
Dreamgirls	Tenor Sax	Harvard BlackCAST/Oberon, ART	2020
Fun Home	Bass	Emerson College	2019
Into the Woods	Bass	West Chester University	2018
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	Drums	Forge Theater	2017
The Addams Family	Bass	The Barley Sheaf Players	2017
Joseph...Technicolor Dreamcoat	Drums	SALT Performing Arts	2017

#### ENSEMBLES

Original Fusion Ensemble	dir. Barbara LaFitte	Alto Sax, Composer	2022
Mixed Pop Ensemble	dir. Edvard Lee	Bass	2022
Latin Jazz Recording Ensemble	dir. Dan Moretti	Alto Sax, Bass	2020

Crepusculum Chamber Choir  
Various Recital/Session Bands

dir. Jannie Chang  
Berklee College

Tenor II  
Alto Sax, Piano, Bass, Drums

2019 - 2022  
2019 - 2023

## MUSIC DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION

**Music Supervisor** | *Berklee Broadway Band, Boston, MA*

Spring 2023 (*seasonal*)

- Assisted with auditions and selection of vocalists, band members, orchestrators, and copyists
- Selected repertoire alongside Music Directors and other board members
- Created robust Finale templates for orchestrators and copyists to ensure a professional look and standard; assimilated all details of the template in a detailed guidelines document
- Oversaw team of selected orchestrators and copyists as original arrangements were created and formatted to precise standards, providing guidance as needed
- Organized and tracked multiple versions of materials; maintained clear communication between Music Directors, orchestrators, copyists, and ensemble as materials were revised and updated

**Music Director, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *Curtain Up!*** | *Berklee Theater Arts Collaborative, Boston, MA*

Spring 2023 (*seasonal*)

- Prepared vocalists and orchestra members for a performance of selected student-written musical theater songs at Berklee's annual *Curtain Up!* concert
- Taught original material to soloists and ensemble vocalists from the piano; led rehearsals in collaboration with faculty Director and Music Supervisor and student stage manager
- Maintained clear communication between the creative team, cast and orchestra

**Associate Music Director** | *Berklee Broadway Band, Boston, MA*

Fall 2022 (*seasonal*)

- Prepared 13-piece ensemble for performances of student-written arrangements of musical theater repertoire; assisted Music Director in leading weekly orchestra and vocal rehearsals

**Substitute Music Director** | *West Chester United Methodist Church, West Chester, PA*

2017 - 2019

- Selected 5-6 contemporary worship songs on an as-needed weekly basis, rehearsed and directed volunteer singers and instrumentalists from the piano; created lead sheets and PowerPoint lyric slides as necessary; regularly volunteered as a musician and sound tech

## ARRANGING / MUSIC PREPARATION

**Arranger/Copyist** | *Berklee Broadway Band, Boston, MA*

December 2021 – March 2023

- Produced scores and parts of original arrangements, adhering to precise standards and completing revisions quickly and efficiently as needed

**Arranger/Copyist/Conductor** | *Berklee Signature Series, Boston, MA*

January – December 2022 (*seasonal*)

- Produced scores, parts, and demo recordings of original arrangements and transcriptions for professionally-produced concerts working closely with a faculty supervisor; direct ensemble in rehearsal and on stage

## TEACHING

**Core Music Tutor** | *Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA*

January 2021 – May 2023

- Administered individual weekly and drop-in tutoring sessions with 12-15 students seeking extra support in the Berklee Core Music curriculum (16 courses), catering to each student's individual needs and learning style

## SKILLS

**Software:** Finale (expert), Sibelius, Logic Pro X, MainStage 3, GarageBand, iMovie, Google, Office, MacOS, iOS, Slack

**Instruments:** Saxophones, Electric Bass, Drums, Percussion, Piano, Vocals, Basic Flute and Clarinet

**Styles:** Musical Theater, Pop, Rock, Jazz, Big Band, Fusion, Choral, Latin

**Specialties:** Transcription, Sight Reading/Transposing, Traditional and Contemporary Music Theory, Aural Skills

**Certifications:** Level 3 Master College Tutor (*College Reading and Learning Association*)

**Member:** ASCAP, ASMAC