

Ian Tordella

saxophone - flute - clarinet

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skills

- Saxophonist and woodwind doubler.
- Skilled jazz improviser and sight-reader comfortable in many settings including pit-work/ensemble work, various jazz styles, pop, rock, etc.
- Audio engineer proficient in Pro Tools.

experience

Playing experience

- 2002-present: Freelance saxophonist and woodwind player in southern California active in jazz, rock, pop, Latin, and musical theater.
- 2009-present: Woodwind player for various commercials for television and internet markets, including Planter's Peanuts, Cymbalta, LG cellphones, GMail, Kellogg's Special K, Red Lobster, and the Del Mar Fair.
- 2016: San Diego Music Awards nominee for Best Jazz Artist.
- 2015-2016: One-off events (West Coast) with the Cab Calloway Orchestra.
- 2013-2015: Member of hybrid jazz/classical ensemble "Night People".
- 2012: Solo concert/lecture in conjunction with Eugene Smith's *Jazz Loft Project*, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego.
- Summer 2012: Toured with Spanish pop artist Paloma San Basilio.
- Fall 2010: San Diego Jazz Festival performance with SDSU All-Star Big Band featuring Bobby Shew.
- Fall 2009: Participated as a featured performer in the Festival International de la Cultura, Colombia.
- 2007-present: Featured artist for the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library's mini-concert series in San Diego.
- September 2006: Performed with The Temptations.
- 2005: San Diego Symphony Pops with Michael Feinstein.
- 2010-present: Audio engineer and producer for local jazz artists in San Diego.

Musical theater

- *Annie*, reed 1 & 5; *Cabaret*, reed 1; *Hello Dolly*, reed 2; *White Christmas*, reed 4; *Grease*, reed 1; *Federal Jazz Project*, reed 1; *Guys N Dolls*, reed 1 & 4; *Ain't Misbehavin'*, reed 1; *Lil' Abner*, reed 3; *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, reed 3; *Rapunzel*, reed 1.

Teaching experience

- 2015-present: Adjunct professor of saxophone, University of San Diego.
- 2015-present: Adjunct professor of music (sax & jazz history), Mesa College.
- 2014-present: Clinician at the Francis Parker School Summer Jazz Workshop.
- 2013-15: Saxophone instructor at SD School for Creative and Performing Arts.
- 2013-present: Saxophone coach and jazz combo director at St. Augustine High School and Canyon Crest Academy High School.
- 2005-06: Jazz Ensemble B and combo director at San Diego State University.

education

- 2004–2006: MM Jazz Studies; San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- 1996–2000: BM Jazz Studies, Performance; Univ. of North Texas, Denton, TX
- Teachers: Saxophone – Charles McPherson, Eric Nestler, Jim Carroll
Composition – Rick Helzer, Paris Rutherford
Flute – Pam Martchev, September Payne