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Saxophonist & Educator

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PRIMARY TEACHERS

Dr. Kenneth Tse,
classical saxophone

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classical and jazz saxophone

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REFERENCES

Dr. Kenneth Tse. Professor
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Dr. Nathan Bogert. Assistant
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LANGUAGES

Spanish: native language
English: second language
Portuguese: basic

EDUCATION

- In Progress** (A.B.D. Fall 2021) **University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA**
Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA), Saxophone
Performance and Pedagogy
Secondary Area of Study: Jazz Studies
- 2018** **Ball State University. Muncie, IN**
Master of Music (MM), Saxophone Performance
- 2015** **Distance State University. San José, Costa Rica**
Bachelor of Music (BM), Saxophone Performance
- 2015** **University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica**
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2021** **University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA**
Jazz Department Teaching Assistant
- Lead Weekly discussions of two sections of Jazz History (online class)
 - Grade and communicate with students of the Jazz History class
 - Play in the school top jazz orchestra Johnson County Landmark (JCL)
 - Assistant Director of JCL 2020
- 2016 – 2018** **Ball State University. Muncie, IN**
Saxophone Studio Teaching Assistant
- Teach private saxophone lessons to lowerclassman
 - Coach lowerclassman quartet rehearsals
 - Teach technique group lessons to undergraduate students
- 2015 – 2016** **Alajuela Municipal Band. Alajuela, Costa Rica**
Saxophone instructor
- Teach private lessons to saxophonist of the band
 - Coach the saxophone section of the band
- 2015 – 2016** **Municipal School of Music of Barva. Heredia, Costa Rica**
Saxophone instructor
- Teach private lessons to beginner and intermediate high school students
- 2015 – 2016** **National System of Music Education. San José, Costa Rica**
Saxophone instructor
- Teach private lessons to beginner and intermediate high school students

AWARDS

- 2019** **Finalist**, XI Panamerican classical solo competition. Mexico City. Mexico
- 2019** **Second prize**, Clarisax Yucatan Panamerican classical solo competition. Merida, Mexico
- 2015** **Third prize**, ALASAX classical solo competition. Cali, Colombia
- 2015** **Finalist**, ALASAX classical solo competition. Mexico City. Mexico

RECORDINGS

- El Primer Camino (2020)**, Isla Tambor. Tenor saxophone in "Roble Sabana," "100 al norte 100 al sur," "Héroes sin Capa," and "Pampa"
- Dream (2019)**. Single by Un Rojo Reggae Band. Tenor saxophone
- Take Me to the World (2018)**, Sutton Foster. Alto saxophone in "Give Him the Ooh-La-La," "If I Were a Bell/Singin' in the Rain"
- Nothin Until Finished (2017)**. Half Tangerine. Tenor and Bari saxophone in "Sitting" and "Decisions"
- Tributo al Maestro Otto Vargas (2016)**, La Big Band de Pitusa. Tenor saxophone
- A Mis Padres (2016)**, German Paniagua. Alto Saxophone in "Soy Tico"

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

SOLO

- International University Encounter of Saxophone.** Mexico City, Mexico
Guest Artist Recital – Event canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak. October 2020
- Music on Campus 2020 Season.** University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica
Solo Performance – Joint Guest Recital. Event canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak. August 2020
- North American Saxophone Biennial Conference.** Tempe, AZ
Solo Performance – World Premiere of Sinfonía Concertante by Sergio Delgado March 2020
- University of Costa Rica.** San José, Costa Rica
Solo Performance – Joint Guest Recital July 2019
- Perez Zeledon School of Music.** Perez Zeledon, Costa Rica.
Solo Performance – Joint Guest Recital January 2019
- North American Saxophone Biennial Conference.** Cincinnati, OH
Solo Performance – Soloist with the Ball State Saxophone Ensemble March 2018
- Perez Zeledon School of Music.** Perez Zeledon, Costa Rica.
Solo Performance – Joint Guest Recital January 2018
- General Tomás Guardia Park.** Alajuela, Costa Rica.
Concerto Soloist – Alajuela National Concert Band July 2011
- National Auditorium Theatre.** San José, Costa Rica.
Concerto Soloist – National Institute of Music Concert Band June 2011

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

CHAMBER & SMALL ENSEMBLE

Music at Sunset, 2015 Season. National Theatre, Costa Rica. SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – “From the Dance Hall to the Concert Hall”	July 2015
6th Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – Chamber Music Performance	March 2015
Mr. Rocksteady meets The House of Reggae. San José, Costa Rica. Ken Boothe & The Roots House Band – Rocksteady, Reggae Performance	February 2015
Theatre at Noon, 2015 Season. National Theatre, Costa Rica. SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – “From the Dance Hall to the Concert Hall”	February 2015
Music at Sunset, 2014 Season. National Theatre, Costa Rica. SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – “Costa Rican Saxophone Quartet Music”	February 2014
International Arts Festival of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica. SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – Chamber Music Performance	April 2014
International University Encounter of Saxophone. Mexico City, Mexico. SaxForte Saxophone Quartet – Guest Artist Recital “Costa Rican Saxophone Quartet Music”	October 2013
Music at Sunset, 2012 Season. National Theatre of Costa Rica, Costa Rica. ZigZag Saxophone Quartet – Chamber Music Performance	November 2012
Romerias de Mayo Arts Festival. Holguin, Cuba. Ciclo Urbano – Contemporary Instrumental Music Performance	June 2012

LARGE ENSEMBLE

OMNi Session: Mother's Day Concert-Recording. San José, Costa Rica OMNi Big Band – alto saxophone	August 2020
North American Saxophone Biennial Conference. Tempe, AZ Iowa Saxophonists' Workshop Ensemble – Saxophone Ensemble Performance	March 2020
North American Saxophone Alliance Region 3 Conference. Minneapolis, MN Iowa Saxophonists' Workshop Ensemble – Saxophone Ensemble Performance	March 2019
North American Saxophone Biennial Conference. Cincinnati, OH Ball State Saxophone Ensemble – Saxophone Ensemble Performance	March 2018
Montreux Jazz Festival – Music at the Park Series. Montreux, Switzerland Ball State Jazz Ensemble – tenor saxophone	July 2017
International Festival of Saxophone Fine Arts Cali. Cali, Colombia. Saxophone Ensemble National Institute of Music of Costa Rica – Saxophone Ensemble Performance	June 2017
College Band Directors National Association National Convention. Kansas City, MO. Ball State Wind Ensemble - alto and soprano saxophones	March 2017
Disney in Concert: A Silly Symphony Celebration. Emens Auditorium. Muncie, IN Muncie Symphony Orchestra – tenor saxophone	November 2016

LARGE ENSEMBLE

Transitarte Festival. San José, Costa Rica Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	April 2016
Songs of Freedom Bob Marley Tribute. Melico Salazar Theatre, Costa Rica Philharmonic Orchestra of Costa Rica & Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	March 2016
Envision Festival. Uvita, Costa Rica. Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	March 2016
Alpha Blondy & Un Rojo Reggae Band. Palmares, Costa Rica. Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	January 2016
"Sinatra Forever" with Rich Michel. San José, Costa Rica Tico Jazz Band – alto saxophone	September 2015
Concert "Tango and its stories". National Theatre, Costa Rica. San Jose Concert Band – soprano saxophone	November 2015
Armando Manzanero & Big Band of Costa Rica. Melico Salazar Theatre, Costa Rica Big Band of Costa Rica – tenor saxophone	August 2015
Ismael Serrano "La llamada" Tour. Melico Salazar Theatre, Costa Rica Big Band of Costa Rica – tenor saxophone	June 2015
Debi Nova in Concert (Private Event). Parque Viva, Costa Rica. Big Band of Costa Rica – tenor saxophone	April 2015
International Jazz Day Concert. National Theatre, Costa Rica. New Jazz Project. – Big Band Performance	April 2015
Transitarte Festival. San José, Costa Rica Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	March 2015
Envision Festival. Uvita, Costa Rica. Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	March, 2015
Un Rojo "Intención" Tour. Argentina Cities: Palermo, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, Cosquin, Cordoba, La Plata, Rosario, Paraná Un Rojo Reggae Band – tenor saxophone	February 2015
Official Season Concert, Municipal Symphonic Orchestra of Cartago. Cartago, Costa Rica. Baritone saxophone – G. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and An American in Paris	2013
X Concert of the Season, National Symphonic Orchestra of Costa Rica. National Theatre, Costa Rica. Tenor saxophone – S. Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky	October 2011

CHAMBER MUSIC EXPERIENCE

Saxforte Saxophone Quartet: Alto saxophone	2009 – 2012
Zigzag Saxophone Quartet: tenor saxophone	2012 – 2015

LARGE ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE

Johnson County Landmark Jazz Orchestra, lead alto – 2nd alto	2018 – 2020
University of Iowa Symphony band, principal	2018 – 2020
Iowa Saxophonists' Workshop Saxophone Ensemble, soprano saxophone	2018 – 2020
Ball State Saxophone Ensemble, soprano saxophone	2016 – 2018
Ball State Jazz Lab Ensemble, lead alto	2016 – 2018
Ball State Wind Ensemble, principal	2016 – 2018
Tico Jazz Band, Lead alto	2015 – 2016
New Jazz Project Big Band, 1st tenor	2015 – 2016
Un Rojo Reggae Band, tenor saxophone	2014 – 2016
Big Band of Costa Rica, 1st tenor	2013 – 2016
Youth Orchestra of Costa Rica	2014 – 2015
Concert Band National Institute of Music of Costa Rica, Principal Saxophone	2009 – 2015
Ensemble National Institute of Music of Costa Rica, soprano saxophone	2009 – 2015

COMISSIONS & PREMIERES

TBA composition for saxophone solo by Arodi Martinez	Commissioned in 2020
"Blue Bamboo" for saxophone solo by Wenxin Li	Premiered in 2020
"Sinfonia Concertante" for two saxophones & piano by Sergio Delgado	Commissioned and Premiered in 2020
"Miniatura #1" for saxophone quartet by Nelson Ramirez	Commissioned and Premiered in 2013
"Serenata" for Saxophone Quartet by Sergio Delgado	Commissioned and Premiered in 2012
"Revelación" for Saxophone Quartet by Diego Castillo Calvo	Commissioned and Premiered in 2012
"Concertino" for alto saxophone and band by Luciano Brenes Aguilar	Premiered in 2012
"Cuento #1" for Saxophone Quartet by Nelson Ramirez	Commissioned and Premiered in 2010

MASTERCLASSES & CLINICS

International University Encounter of Saxophone. Mexico City, Mexico. Saxophone Masterclass – Event canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak.	October 2020
National Institute of Music. San José, Costa Rica Saxophone Masterclass – undergraduate students	August 2019
Perez Zeledon School of Music. Perez Zeledon, Costa Rica. Saxophone private lessons and Masterclass – 7-day music camp	January 2019
University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica Guest adjudicator – Saxophone Studio Recital	June 2018
University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica Guest adjudicator – Honors Recital Audition	June 2018

University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica
Saxophone Clinic – undergraduate students

June 2018

National Institute of Music. San José, Costa Rica
Saxophone Masterclass – undergraduate students

May 2018

Perez Zeledon School of Music. Perez Zeledon, Costa Rica.
Saxophone Private lessons and Masterclasses – 7-day music camp

January 2018

COURSES AND MUSIC FESTIVALS ATTENDED

North American Saxophone Biennial Conference. Tempe, AZ	2020
North American Saxophone Alliance Region 3 Conference. Minneapolis, MN	2019
University International Encounter of Saxophone. México City, Mexico North	2019
American Saxophone Biennial Conference. Cincinnati, OH	2018
Saxtemberfest, Ball State University. Muncie, IN	2017
International Fine Arts Saxophone Festival. Cali, Colombia	2017
Saxtemberfest, Ball State University. Muncie, IN	2016
University International Encounter of Saxophone. México City, Mexico	2015
Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica	2015
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Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica	2013
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Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica	2009
Curitiba Music Workshop. Curitiba, Brazil	2009
FEMUSC. Santa Catarina, Brazil	2009
Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica	2008
Saxfest Costa Rica International. San José, Costa Rica	2007

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