

# ROBERT L. FALK

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## EXPERIENCED MUSIC EDUCATOR & MUSICIAN

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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide music instruction, with an emphasis in drums/percussion, for students ages and levels. Background in music education and entertainment.

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced Music educator with over **10 years' experience instructing preschool, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and adult students in drum set, percussion, and piano, as well as directing student music ensembles and vocal instruction (small groups).**
- Professional musician with more than **15 years' experience in music performance, composition, and production,** including genres such as orchestra, jazz, theatre, church, and marching band, with concentration in jazz ensemble direction and performance. Bandleader of the "BOBBY FALK GROUP" (Contemporary jazz/soul)
- An **Academic foundation and Professional performance experience in music** that guides a practical education approach, **building skills and reaching performance goals to connect with students meaningfully and intellectually.**
- As a serious student of music in his youth in Kentucky, **personally understanding of many of the challenges and rewards of music education** for young people today.
- **Provided music instruction and service at day program for adult special needs, Saint Mary's Center (Louisville, KY), 2014-2015.**

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## HIGHLIGHTED PROFESSIONAL MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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**KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, Louisville, KY**

**September 2007 –May 2015**

### Percussion Instructor

- Facilitate five small ensemble classes; provide private instruction to individual students.
- Direct two percussion ensembles recitals every year, and contribute to the direction and production of four general music recitals every year.
- Actively engage with parents in music education of children through regular communication, PSSO and extra-curricular events, including volunteering as an Assistant Scout Master in KSB Boy Scout Troop #10 and at additional events as available.

### Highlighted Achievements

- In 2010, directed advanced percussion ensemble to capture third place in VSA Kentucky Young Soloist Award Program statewide competition.
- In response to growth and popularity of percussion studies with students and parents, regular percussion ensemble recitals were established in 2008, featuring the learned musical skills of students in drumset and percussion.
- Fostered understanding and skills in diverse percussion instruments, including drumset, xylophone, marimba, snare drum, et al.

**MUSIC-GO-ROUND, Louisville, KY**

**March 2009 – June 2015**

**Music Instructor**

- Provide private music instruction to students from pre-school age to adult.
- Direct annual student recital, coordinating with other instrument instructors.
- Direct summer “rock band” workshops, culminating in end-of-summer recital.

**B. FALK MUSIC, Louisville, KY**

**August 2008 – August 2015**

**Musician, Music Instructor and Music Booking Services**

- House Band Leader of jazz ensemble at Eddie Merlot’s Restaurant on Friday and Saturday nights and special occasions (February 2011 – August 2015), Louisville, KY.
- Provide jazz ensemble performances and music booking services in several venues, including, but not limited to Galt House Hotel, Henry Clay Building, Silver Spoon Catering, RiVue Restaurant, private parties, etcetera.
- Live performances as the Bobby Falk Group in larger venues and events including Derby Fest-a-Ville Waterfront (2010), New Albany Riverfront Amphitheatre Summer Concert Series (2011), Night of Jazz Series at the Comedy Caravan (2008-2010), et al
- Provide private music instruction.

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

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**B.A., Jazz Studies** , University of Louisville, Louisville, KY – 2005

**Diploma, Instrumental Music**, Youth Performing Arts School, Manual High School, Louisville, KY – 1999

**Jamey Aebersold Summer Jazz Workshops**, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY – Summers 1991-2004

**Juilliard Summer Percussion Seminar**, Juilliard School, New York City, NY – Summer 1998

**United States Percussion Camp**, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL – Summer 1998

**PREVIOUS PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Recipient, Music Scholarship, University of Louisville School of Music, 1999-2001.

Kentucky All-State Band, Percussion Section, 1993-1999 (7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Jefferson County, All-County Band, Percussion Section, First Chair, 1993-1999 (7<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America Troop #77, 1998

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS**

American Federation of Musicians, Local #11-637

Louisville Jazz Society

Boy Scouts of America

## REFERENCES

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