

## **PROFILE**

Artist, musician, and teacher with 10+ years of leadership and management experience. Highly versatile creative professional. Relocated from Western North Carolina to Boston in May 2020.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Exhibit Manager; *Illuminations Through Culture and Music*; Tryon, NC – November 2019- present**

- Managed exhibit for State Department grant awarded to Pacolet Junior Appalachian Musicians program (PacJAM)
- Designed logo and promotional material for exhibit and coordinated with director and web developer
- One of three instructors selected to travel to Petra, Jordan in July, 2020 with students to implement the cultural exchange portion of the grant (pivoted to virtual implementation due to Covid 19)

### **Music Instructor; *Montessori Academy*; Spartanburg, SC – August 2019- May 2020**

- Taught ukulele and music history to 26 students grades 1-8
- Planned weekly lessons tailored to specific age groups

### **Instructor; *Pacolet Junior Appalachian Musicians*; Tryon, NC – September 2018 - May 2020**

- Taught fiddle, banjo, guitar, ukulele, and ensemble for after school and summer programs to 30 students ages 6-14
- Taught guitar, ukulele, and ensemble to 18 adults

### **Owner; *Tyson Graham Pottery*; Tryon, NC, Boston, MA – January 2015 - present**

- Maintains all aspects of running a full-time studio including designing, producing, firing, and photographing ceramics
- Teaches classes and intensive workshops at arts organizations and schools including Tryon Arts and Crafts School and Tryon Fine Arts Center.
- Designs and manages website, online shop, print materials, newsletter, press releases, and social media channels
- Organized exhibiting artists and performing musicians, ran media features, and coordinated logistics for the 40th-44th annual Little Mountain Festival (2015-2019)
- Exhibits work at shows and festivals including The Seagrove Pottery Festival, The Catawba Valley Pottery Festival, and the Little Mountain Festival
- Featured in cover stories of Bold Life Magazine, Life in Our Foothills Magazine, and the Tryon Daily Bulletin

### **Musician; *self-employed*; Columbia, SC, Tryon, NC, Boston, MA – April 2009 - present**

- Teaches private lessons and workshops on guitar, fiddle, banjo, ukulele, and upright bass
- Specializes in teaching traditional Appalachian stringband music, primarily by ear, to children and adults
- Performs live and on recordings with groups from around the southeast

### **Coffee Roaster, Manager; *Immaculate Consumption*; Columbia, SC – December 2004 - January 2015**

- Managed day-to-day restaurant operations and coffee roasting facility
- Developed roast profiles for single-origin coffees, managed wholesale distribution of coffee
- Trained and managed 20 staff ranging from baristas to cooks

### **Assistant Manager, Guide, Instructor, *Adventure Carolina*; Cayce, SC – June 1999 - December 2004**

- Managed outdoor equipment retail and rental shop
- Guided river trips and rock climbing instruction
- Trained river guides and rock climbing instructors

## **EDUCATION**

Little Mountain Pottery; Tryon, NC – One Year Apprenticeship with Claude Graves – 2015

University of South Carolina; Columbia, SC – BFA Studio Art, Design, Cum Laude – 2007

Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO); Bryson City, NC – Wilderness EMT Certificate – 2003

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS); Lander, WY – Wind River Wilderness Course – 2000

## **EXHIBITIONS**

Featured Artist, American Craft Week in Western North Carolina; Asheville, NC, each October 2015 - 2019

Annual Solo Exhibitions, Little Mountain Pottery; Tryon, NC, each October 2015 - 2019

Artfields Finalist, TRAX Visual Arts Center; Lake City, SC, April 20-28, 2018

Artist of the Year Show, Tryon Arts and Crafts School; Tryon, NC, February 2018

We Are American Craft Week Exhibit, Refinery Gallery; Asheville, NC, October 2017

Solo Exhibition, Tryon Arts and Crafts School; Tryon, NC, February 1-28, 2017

Art Trek Exhibit, Upstairs Artspace; Tryon, NC, September 2016