

Gabriel Herrera

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EDUCATION

- Pennsylvania State University School of Music** University Park, PA
M.M. in Trombone Performance, teaching assistantships in Trombone and Jazz Studies 2023 – 2025
Primary music teachers: Mark L. Lusk, Daniel Twentey, Joshua Davis
- Columbia University** New York, NY
B.A. in Philosophy and Jazz Studies, honors in music 2019 – 2023
Primary music teachers: David Gibson, Ole Mathisen, Don Sickler
Capstone: directed big band concert of all original compositions/arrangements

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Pennsylvania State University School of Music** University Park, PA
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Jazz Studies and Trombone 2023 – Present
- Teach weekly individual music lessons about jazz, brass playing, and music theory to undergraduates
 - Tutor undergraduates on topics including music theory, sight-singing, composition, and aural skills
 - Direct music ensembles including big band, jazz trombone ensemble, and multiple jazz combos
 - Present lecture-format masterclasses on music theory topics including harmony and improvisation
 - Substitute teach/TA courses including Jazz Improvisation and Jazz Arranging/Composition
- Private Music Instructor (Freelance)** University Park, PA
Teacher for Music Theory, Jazz, and Trombone 2023 – Present
- Tutor high schoolers and undergraduates on topics including trombone, music theory, and jazz studies
- State College Area High School** State College, PA
Volunteer Teacher, Guest Performer, and Chaperone 2023
- Tutored high schoolers on music theory topics including aural skills and jazz improvisation
 - Chaperoned and performed alongside high school jazz band on European performance tour

SELECTED PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Notable Musicians Performed Alongside

Emmet Cohen, Terri Lyne Carrington, Fabian Almazan, Obed Calvaire, David Gibson, Corey Wallace, Craig Taborn, Chris Washburne, Vardan Ovsepiyan, Ole Mathisen, Zachary Adleman, Caroline Davis, and Bonerama

Notable Performance Venues/Festivals

Montreux Jazz Festival (Switzerland), Jazz a Vienne (France), Litchfield Jazz Festival (CT), Lincoln Center (NY), ShapeShifter Lab (NY), Symphony Space (NY), Rockwood Music Hall (NY), Rockefeller Center (NY)

Selected Ensembles

- Happy Valley Jazz Octet (PA); bandleader, composer/arranger, and trombone soloist 2024 – Present
- Gabriel Herrera Quartet (NY); bandleader, composer/arranger, and trombone soloist 2023 – Present
- Gabriel Herrera Big Band (NY); bandleader, composer/arranger, and trombone soloist 2023 – Present
- Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra (PA); substitute principal trombone (incl. alto) 2023 – Present
- Nittany Valley Symphony (PA); substitute principal trombone 2023 – Present