

Aidan Plank

Bassist, Composer, Educator

EDUCATION

- **Cleveland State University** (2015)
 - Bachelor of Science, Biology (Magna Cum Laude)
- **Lorain County Community College** (2012)
 - Associate Degree, Science (Honors)

Private Study

- **Kevin Switalski**, Assistant Principal Bassist, The Cleveland Orchestra (1999-2001)
- **Dr. David Morgan**, Associate Professor of Jazz Studies, Youngstown State University (1996-2000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Kent State University**, Instructor (2016-present)

Courses Taught

- Applied Jazz Bass
 - Jazz Combo Development
 - Jazz Styles and Analysis
 - Jazz Improvisation 1
 - Improvisation
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- **Cuyahoga Community College**, Instructor (2015- present)
 - **Bass instruction, combo instruction, jazz theory instruction, arranging** for middle school and high school jazz students weekly on Saturday afternoons during the school year for The Tri-C JazzFest Academy (Dominick Farianacci- director)
 - **JazzFest Camp** (2015- 2019)
 - Six hour, Monday-Friday jazz intensive for middle school and high school students held over two weeks in the summer.
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- **Lorain County Community College** *Department of Science and Mathematics*, Teaching Assistant (August 2012- May 2013)
 - Teaching assistant and tutor for *Principles of Biology* (BIOG 162)
 - Assisted in the instruction of three laboratory sections for BIOG 162

Private Teaching:

- Hudson School of Music (2018-Present)

- Skyline Music (2016-present)

- The Woodshed Lesson Studio (2008-2017)

Masterclasses:

- **Baldwin Wallace University** (Spring 2019)
 - Masterclass for jazz ensembles
- **The Chicago Academy for the Arts** (January 2016)
 - Masterclass for students participating in jazz studies

Festivals:

- **Lakeland Jazz Festival, Lakeland Community College** (March 2018)
 - Guest artist clinic on improvisation
 - Ensemble coaching
 - Adjudication
- **Maplerock Jazz Festival, Ashland University** (March 2016)
 - Guest artist clinic on improvisation
 - Ensemble coaching
 - Adjudication

Public School Outreach:

- **Hudson High School** (Spring 2019)

- Jazz ensemble workshop and coaching
- **Bay Village High School** (Spring 2018)
 - Jazz ensemble workshops and coaching for middle school and high school jazz ensembles.
 - Guest artist at high school jazz ensemble concert.
- **East Woods Elementary School**- Hudson, OH (2017-18)
 - Bass sectional instructor

ENSEMBLE MEMBERSHIPS

- **The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra** (2014 to present)
- **Pulse** (2018 to present)
- **Jazzworks/Tri-C Soundworks** (2017 to present)
- **Dan Bruce's Beta Collective** (2018 to present)

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- **With the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra (2014-2020)**
 - Sean Jones- artistic director (2014-2015)
 - Paul Ferguson- artistic director (2016- present)
 - Guest artists: Joe Lovano, Gerald Clayton, Vanessa Rubin, Wayne Bergeron, Tierney Sutton, Jiggs Whigham, Michael Phillip Mossman, Bobby Sanabria, Dominick Farinacci, Bruce Johnstone
 - Upcoming guests for 2019-2020 season: Regina Carter and Ken Peplowski

- **Anastasia.** 2019-2020 tour. Cleveland Performances. Lawrence Goldberg-conductor. (Connor Palace Theatre. February 4-23, 2020)

- **Joshua Breakstone** (The Bop Stop. October 22, 2019)

- **Cleveland Chamber Music Society of Ohio/VERB Ballets.** *Excursions*-Pat Pace (E.J. Thomas Hall. October 10, 2019)

- **Pulse.** *Plays the Music of Hermeto Pascoal.* Featuring Howie Smith. (Bop Stop. September 12, 2019)

- **Pulse** (Rubber City Jazz and Blues Festival. August 24, 2019)

- **The Cleveland Orchestra:** *Aretha: Queen of Soul.* Capathia Jenkins- vocalist, Ryan Shaw- vocalist, Lucas Waldin- conductor. (Blossom Music Center. July 28, 2019)

- **Dominick Farinacci, Julian LaBro, Jamey Haddad** (Tri-C Jazzfest. June 29, 2019)

- **Dan Bruce's Beta Collective** (Tri-C Jazzfest. June 28, 2019)

- **Judi Silvano and Bruce Arnold Quartet, featuring Joe Lovano** (The Bop Stop. June 1, 2019)
- **Ingrid Jensen** with the Kent State Faculty Ensemble. (Blu Jazz+. April 4, 2019)
- **Joe Lovano, Jamey Haddad, Carmen Castaldi, Anthony Fuoco.** Live recording for NPR's *Jazz Night in America* hosted by Christian McBride (The Bop Stop. December 28, 2019)
- **Curtis Taylor** (Blu Jazz+. December 22, 2018)
- **Terrence Blanchard, Dominick Farinacci** (Tri-C Jazzfest 2018)
- **Joe Lovano** (Nighttown. June 16, 2017)
- **Beehive.** Great Lakes Theater. (May 2018)
- **Carl Allen** with the Kent State Faculty Ensemble (Kent State University. April, 2018)
- **James Morrison** with the Sam Blakeslee Large Group (Solon High School. April 9, 2017)
- **John Fedchock** (Nighttown. March 20, 2017)
- **Daniel Lippel, Daniel Bruce.** (Spectrum. New York City, NY. March 2017)
- **Joe Lovano** (Bop Stop. December 28, 2018)
- **David Berkman/Tim Armacost Quartet.** (Bop Stop. October 7, 2017)
- **David Berkman/Tim Armacost Quartet.** (Blu Jazz+. October 6, 2017)

- **Bobby Ferrazza, Dan Wall, Paul Samuels.** Benefit for the homeless. (First Church Oberlin. April 2, 2017)
- **Jeff Hamilton** w/ Vaughn Weister's Famous Jazz Orchestra (Clintonville Woman's Club. Columbus, OH. August 15, 2016)
- **Bill Dobbins** with the Sam Blakeslee Large Group (Blu Jazz+. August 4 2016)
- **Bill Dobbins** (Nighttown. Aug 2, 2016)
- **Dominick Farinacci, Kevin Bales, Quincy Phillips, Mathias Kunzli** (The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe. Detroit, MI. July 2016)
- **Steve Davis** (Bop Stop. June 28, 2016)
- **Ernie Krivda** (Caspé Terrace. Des Moines, IA. April 19, 2016)
- **Mike Lee** (Maplerock Jazz Festival. March 18, 2016)
- **Ashland University Big Band.** Guest soloist. (Spain Tour. March 2016)
- **Daniel Lippel, Daniel Bruce** (Elastic Arts. Chicago, IL. January 11, 2016)
- **Joe Lovano** (Bop Stop. November 22, 2015)
- **Joe Lovano** (Cleveland Buddhist Temple. December 21, 2014)
- **Daniel Lippel/Aidan Plank Duo** (Bop Stop. December 7, 2014)
- **Janis Siegal** with Tri-C Singers. (Nighttown. December 3, 2014)
- **Jiggs Whigham** (Nighttown. September 2013)

- **Randall Woolf.** World premier of Randall Woolf and Robin Stranahan's pop-up opera *Frozen Community* (Real Time Opera. Oberlin. May 2013)
- **Frankie Avalon** (Greater Youngstown Italian Festival. July 2004)
- **Frankie Avalon** (Mountaineer Casino. New Cumberland, WV. October 2004)
- **Grease featuring Frankie Avalon and Chubby Checker.** 2003-2004 United States Tour.
- **Joe Maneri** (Beachland Ballroom. Fall 2002)
- **Dan Wall, Carol Veto, Matt Perko.** Sunday evening residency. (The Bop Stop. April-September 2002)
- Baroque Bassist for the premier of **Joseph-Nicolas-Panrace Royer's *Le Pouvoir de l'Amour*** (1743) (Oberlin College, 2002).
- **Bobby Selvaggio Quartet** (The Knitting Factory. New York City, NY. 2002)
- **Bobby Selvaggio Quartet** (The Rex. Toronto, ON. 2002)

RECORDINGS

- **Lippel/Plank/Bruce.**

- Forthcoming release (untitled at present)
 - Panoramic/New Focus Recordings (fall 2020)
 - Features composition *Open Glimpse*
- **The John Perrine Quartet**
 - *Here's the Thing*
 - Centaur (2018)
- ***Le Pouvoir de l'Amour* - Royer (1743 Ballet-Héroïque)**
 - Oberlin Conservatory of Music (2002)

Radio:

- **NPR's *Jazz Night in America* featuring Joe Lovano, Jamey Haddad, Carmen Castaldi, Anthony Fuoco, and Aidan Plank (Spring 2019)**

COMPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS

- *Heartland*
 - commissioned by the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, February 2019.
 - Premier performance at the Ohio Theatre (Cleveland, OH) February 15, 2019.
- *Orgel Blue*

- Third prize winner for the ensemble category for the 2019 Orgelkids Composition Contest

- *Whisper*
 - Featured on Daniel Bruce's album *A Single Thread*
 - NohJoh Records (2006)