

Zachary B. Edwards

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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

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| University of Houston
<i>Doctor of Musical Arts, Music Education - ABD</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor in Applied Percussion• Dissertation in progress | 2022 – Present |
| Tarleton State University
<i>Master of Music, Music Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of Fine Arts Outstanding Graduate Student, Class of Summer 2018 | 2018 |
| Texas A&M University-Commerce (now East Texas A&M University)
<i>Bachelor of Science, Music Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cum Laude</i>, with Honors | 2014 |

Professional Experience

Higher Education

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| San Jacinto College
<i>Adjunct Instructor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUSI 1310: American Music• MUAP 1259: Private Percussion Lessons | Aug 2024 – May 2025 |
| University of Houston
<i>Instructor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUED 2342: Music for Children <i>Student Teacher Supervisor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University supervisor for student teachers in their elementary music placement <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MUED 4305: General Music in Elementary and Secondary Schools• EDUC 4318: Elementary and Secondary Student Teaching in Music• MUED 4320: Introduction to Education in Music• MUED 4340: Elementary and Middle School Instrumental Administration | Aug 2022 – May 2025 |

Public School

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| Galena Park ISD, Sam Houston Elementary School
<i>Music Teacher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PreK-5th grade general music teacher• Choir director | Jul 2025 – Present |
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KIPP Texas Public Schools, KIPP CONNECT Primary School Jul 2015 – Jun 2022
Music Teacher

- PreK-4th grade general music teacher
- Choir and Orff ensemble director
- Fine arts team grade level chair

Applied Lessons and Ensembles

Sugar Land Middle School, Sugar Land, TX Sep 2023 – May 2025
Private percussion instructor

North Lamar High School, Paris, TX 2012
Front ensemble instructor

Clark Junior High School, Princeton, TX 2012
Private percussion instructor

Community High School, Nevada, TX 2011
Private percussion instructor and percussion consultant

Business

Edwards Mallets 2021 – Present
Owner and mallet-maker

Scholarly & Creative Activity

Articles

Edwards, Z. B. (2026). Leo Lionni meets the volumes. *Reverberations: Teachers Teaching Teachers*.

Edwards, Z. B. (2025). Advanced applications of Charley Wilcoxon's *The All-American Drummer*. *Percussive Notes*.

Educational Resources

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *Positive self talk with RU*. Music constructed.
<https://www.musicconstructed.com/tool/positive-self-talk-with-ru/>

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *RU affirmations*. Music constructed.
<https://www.musicconstructed.com/sketch/ru-affirmations/>

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *Star light star bright*. Music constructed.
<https://www.musicconstructed.com/sketch/starlight-starbright/>

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *Pizza rondo*. Music constructed.
<https://www.musicconstructed.com/sketch/pizza-rondo/>

Theses

Edwards, Z. B. (2018). *Music classes and academic performance in KIPP Houston Public Schools* (Publication No. 10837235). [Master's thesis, Tarleton State University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses.

Edwards, Z. B. (2014). *An analysis of orchestral audition repertoire for the percussionist* [Unpublished honor's thesis]. Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Original Compositions

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *Hyperfixation* [Percussion quartet w/ soprano vocalist; pending publication].

Edwards, Z. B. (2024). *Three fantasies for solo marimba* [Marimba solo; pending publication].

Edwards, Z. B. (2023). *Exoskeletal junction* [Percussion sextet; premiered by the University of Houston Moores Percussion Ensemble in 2024; pending publication].

Commissions

Peruzzolo-Vieira, S. (2010). *Studies on water, fire and wind* [Timpani solo; commissioned by Z. Edwards; premiered by Z. Edwards in 2013; unpublished].

Presentations

Peer Reviewed

Edwards, Z. B. (2025, May 19). *Tackling the drawer of misfit mallets: Rewrapping timpani and bass drum mallets* [Conference session]. National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy, Arlington, TX.

Edwards, Z. B. (2019, Feb 14). *Music classes and academic performance in KIPP Houston Public Schools* [Poster presentation]. Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Invited

Edwards, Z. B. (2025, Jan 31). *Timpani mallet making* [Workshop]. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Derges, J., & Edwards, Z. B. (2025, Jan 11). *Nurturing activities to create community & connection* [Featured clinician]. Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association, Houston, TX.

Edwards, Z. B. (2024, Nov 5). *Timpani mallet making* [Workshop]. Houston Christian University, Houston, TX.

Edwards, Z. B. (2024, Mar 23). *It's mine!* [Chapter share]. Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association, Houston, TX.

- Edwards, Z. B.** (2024, Mar 18). *Timpani mallet making* [Workshop]. Lamar University, Beaumont, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2023, Mar 4). *The girl who loved the wind* [Chapter share]. Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2022, Mar 5). *Star light, star bright* [Chapter share]. Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2022). *Integrating literature and reading strategies in the primary music classroom* [District professional development]. KIPP Texas-Houston Public Schools, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2019). *Pizza rondo* [Chapter share]. Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2019). *Teaching rhythmic and melodic literacy using the Kodály method* [District professional development]. KIPP Texas-Houston Public Schools, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2018). *The Kodály concept* [District professional development]. KIPP Texas-Houston Public Schools, Houston, TX.

Guest Lectures

- Edwards, Z. B.** (2024, Oct 29). *Introduction to Orff-Schulwerk*. Presented for MUED 4305: General Music in Elementary and Secondary Schools, Moores School of Music, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2023, Feb 21). *Classroom management*. Discussion panelist for MUED 4320: Introduction to Education in Music, Moores School of Music, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2023, Feb 7). *Listening, movement, and informal note reading*. Presented for MUED 4305: General Music in Elementary and Secondary Schools, Moores School of Music, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2022, Nov 11). *Introduction to Orff-Schulwerk*. Presented for MUED 4305: General Music in Elementary and Secondary Schools, Moores School of Music, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Edwards, Z. B.** (2022, Sep 13). *Movement in kindergarten*. Presented for MUED 4305: General Music in Elementary and Secondary Schools, Moores School of Music, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Service

National Association for Music Education-Texas <i>State Executive Director</i>	2023 – Present
Moores School of Music Student Leadership Team <i>Doctoral Student Member</i>	2023 – 2025

Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association 2019 – 2023
Treasurer (2020-2023)
Member-at-Large (2019-2020)

KIPP Texas Public Schools 2021 – 2022
Regional Content Lead
Student Growth and Achievement Assessment Writer

Certifications

Music Learning Theory 2024
Elementary General, Level 1

Orff-Schulwerk 2022
Levels I, II, III, Curriculum

Kodály Educator 2018
Levels I, II, III

Classroom Teacher 2015
English as a Second Language Supplemental (Grades EC-12)

Classroom Teacher 2014
Music (Grades EC-12)

Professional Memberships

(By date first joined)

International Society for Metal Music Studies 2024

The College Music Society 2022

The Gordon Institute for Music Learning 2022

National Association for Music Education 2018

Feierabend Association for Music Education 2017

American-Orff Schulwerk Association 2016

Organization of American Kodály Educators 2016

Texas Music Educators Association 2015

Percussive Arts Society 2009

Performance Experience

Organizations

(By date of first performance)

Ars Lyrica Houston <i>Percussion</i>	2025
Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra <i>Section percussion, substitute principal percussion, substitute principal timpani</i>	2024
Houston Brass Band <i>Section percussion</i>	2021
Houston Civic Symphony <i>Section percussion, assistant timpani</i>	2021
Lakewood United Methodist Church <i>Percussion, timpani</i>	2021
Energy Corridor Houston Orchestra <i>Percussion</i>	2021
Rosenberg Symphonic Band <i>Percussion</i>	2016
The Woodlands Concert Band <i>Section percussion</i>	2014
Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps <i>Front ensemble</i>	2010

Solo

Percussive Arts Society International Convention <i>Solo Timpani Contest, 1st Place</i>	2011
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Recordings

Texas A&M University-Commerce Wind Ensemble <i>Convergence (CD)</i>	2012
Texas A&M University-Commerce Percussion Ensemble <i>Epic Proportions (CD)</i>	2012

Percussion Instructors

(By date of first study)

Blake Wilkins, DMA <i>University of Houston, Director of Percussion</i>	2022
Josh Jones <i>Grant Park Orchestra, Principal Percussion</i>	2020
Brian Jones <i>Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Principal Timpani</i>	2011
Ed Stephan <i>San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Principal Timpani</i>	2010
Brian Zator, DMA <i>East Texas A&M University, Director of Percussion</i>	2009
Brian Del Signore <i>Houston Symphony Orchestra, Principal Percussion</i>	2008