

# Nick Finzer

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## EDUCATION

The Juilliard School  
Masters of Music: Jazz Trombone (Anticipated May 2012)

Eastman School of Music, Rochester NY  
Bachelors Degree: Jazz and Contemporary Media (2009)  
GPA: 3.78

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## PRINCIPAL TEACHERS

Steve Turre (2010 - 2012) - NYC Jazz Artist, The Juilliard School  
Mark Kellogg (2004-2009) - Principal trombone, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Eastman School of Music  
Wycliffe Gordon (2004 - 2007) - NYC Jazz Artist

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### Notable Freelance Experience

2005-2010

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra featuring Buddy Morrow, Chosen to receive four commissions through The Commission Project written by Wycliffe Gordon ranging from sextet to jazz ensemble and premiered these pieces with several Rochester area high schools with Wycliffe Gordon, featured five times on Jazz 90.1FM's live studio concert series, various musical pit orchestras, lead trombone of the 2005 Gibson/Baldwin Grammy Jazz Ensemble.

### Band-leading Experience

2005 - Present

Led a progressive jazz quintet and jazz/funk sextet around Rochester playing clubs, private events, weddings, restaurants and at every major festival in the Rochester area. Organized a seven day educational workshop and performance tour to Phoenix Arizona in January 2009, and again to Spokane, WA in March 2010. Recorded and released three CD projects as a leader.

### Rochester, NY Sideman Experience

2004 - 2010

*Eastman Jazz Ensemble* - Performed with guests including Slide Hampton, Dick Oatts, Rich Perry, Harold Danko, John Clayton, Dave Glasser, Byron Stripling, Frank Tiberi, Mike Brignola, directed by Bill Dobbins. *Gap Mangione Big Band* - Regular member of Gap Mangione's Big Band, plays for various public and private events in Upstate New York. *Rick Holland-Evan Dobbins Little Big Band* - 10 piece ensemble performing original music and arrangements of Kerry Strayer, Mark Buselli and Bill Dobbins; performed concert with guest soloist, Hendrick Muerkens at MCC Jazz Festival 2007. *Dave Rivello Ensemble* - Original 10 piece modern jazz ensemble performing original compositions of Dave Rivello, frequent performances include the Rochester International Jazz Festival, and numerous residencies at various universities. *Orchestra Antonetti* - Rochester, NY Puerto Rican Salsa band, specializing in backing up well known salsa artists including Tito Alan, Michael Stewart, Paquito Guzman, Lalo Rodriguez, etc.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Private Studio - 2008 - Present

Eastman Community Music School, Jazz Trombone Teaching Intern, 2008-2010

### Masterclass/Clinics Conducted at:

Penn State University (State College, PA), Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY), Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY), Whitworth University (Spokane, WA), Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA), Mt Spokane High School (Mead, WA), Shadle Park High School (Spokane, WA), Basha High School (Chandler, AZ), Centennial High School (Peoria, AZ), St Mary's High School (Phoenix, AZ), Kyrene Middle Schools (Phoenix, AZ), MusicMakers Music Studios (Phoenix, AZ)

### Hilton High School

2005-2010

Substitute taught for various music classes ranging from 4th-12th grades. Instructed the high school marching band and winter percussion ensemble leading and organizing rehearsals, giving group and individual musical instruction, also aided in the design and composition/arrangement of musical and visual elements of the ensemble's productions.

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## OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Music Copyist/Transcriptionist, 2007-Present