



# MATT SMITH

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

01/2024-Present, District 300 Schools

**FALL 2025:** Served as full-time Choral Director for Hampshire HS for the entire semester. Noteworthy achievements:

- Produced and Directed Madrigals
- Directed Fall and Winter Choral Concerts
- Readied students for ILMEA auditions

**SPRING 2024:** Served at Dundee MS as the music teacher for 6th grade band, orchestra, and special education music class for the last half of the semester after the teacher's sudden passing.

### SHOW & CAMP DIRECTOR / INSTRUCTOR

05/2022-Present, School of Rock, Glen Ellyn & Barrington locations

- Voice, Piano/Keys, Bass instruction for students of all ages
- Music selection, casting, rehearsal instruction, and direction
- Show and camp direction, mentoring teens + children

### LIVE SOUND AND LIGHTING TECHNICIAN

08/2023-08/2024, RLC Sound and Lighting

### MUSIC THEORY INSTRUCTOR / TUTOR

08/2022-07/2023, Elmhurst University

### VOCALIST

08/2019-Present, Various venues, and locations

- The Elite NaperVoice Philanthropic Choir: Bass 1
- Immanuel Lutheran Praise Group vocalist and bass player
- Occasionally featured in RB/Pop group, Mickey O'Brien & Friends
- Among other short duration ensembles, events, and studio work

### SINGER / LEAD & VOICE ACTOR

09/2022 - 05/2023: Original Cast of **Big Foot: A Small Step Forward**  
Script, Music, Direction by Kris Kusnierz

Performed Lead Musical Role, Big Foot

06/2021 **Turnabout: An Ace Attorney Musical**, Maya Fey Protection Squad  
Baritone singer and voice acting for the official digital archive, recorded, mixed, and promoted to the arts community

Lead roles in Elmhurst University's productions of **Silent Sky** (3/23),  
**School House Rock** (4/23), **Theory of Relativity** (4/22).

### PRODUCER

08/2022-09/2024, Elmhurst University Music Studio

Studio producing, mixing, and editing for bands and musicians

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## PROFICIENCIES

### SOFTWARE

Logic Pro, Pro Tools, Dorico, MuseScore, Max MSP, Adobe Creative Suite including Audition, Microsoft & Google Software

### TECHNICAL

Studio Mixing/Engineering  
Audio Equipment Technology

### MUSIC

Composition & Theory Professional  
Vocal Performance/Studio Professional  
Musical & Stage Performer  
Practical Pianist  
Practical Bass Player  
Praise Choir  
Chorals

Section Leading  
Emerging Conductor  
Jazz Training  
Solo/Aria/Art Song Experience  
Classical Training

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## EDUCATION, GROUPS, HONORS

### EDUCATION

Elmhurst University (EU) – BFA, 2023

Major: Music Theory & Composition

Minor: Audio Production

Professional Certification: Vocal Performance

- Magna Cum Laude
- Presidential Scholarship Recipient
- Music Scholarship Recipient
- Deans List – 2021 thru 2023

Jacobs High School

2019, Algonquin, IL

### UNIVERSITY ENSEMBLES & CLUBS

Lambda Sigma Psi Music Honors Society

2022-2023, *President*

Late Night Blues Vocal Jazz – 4 years

Gayle Bisesi, *Director*

Choral Union – 1 year

Scott Uddenberg, *Director*

Concert Audition Choir – 4 years

Sarah Catt, *Director*

### HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eagle Scout

February 18, 2019

Music Honors Recital Nominee

Elmhursts University, 2022, 2023

ILMEA District IX Conference Selection -

Fall 2015-Spring 2019

National Honors Society

05/2017 - 0/5/2019

Tri-M Music Honors Society - 2 years

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