

Anna Dagmar - Versatile Collaborative Pianist

Summary:

I am a NYC-based pianist, composer and music director experienced in musical theatre, folk, jazz, classical and world styles. During 15 years as a touring singer-songwriter and 5 years as a composer in the BMI workshop, I have discovered that musical theatre is the one place where I can bring together my love for many genres. I find it very exciting to be part of creating the specific sound and dramatic world needed for each show. I am interested in working on theatre productions as an audition / rehearsal / performance pianist, composer, arranger or MD.

Skills:

Excellent sight-reading	Classical / Jazz / Pop / Musical Theatre	Conducting
Learning music by ear	Logic, Sibelius, Finale, MainStage	Improvising
Reducing orchestral scores	Teaching vocals clearly and efficiently	Transposing
Reading chord symbols	Arranging vocals & instrumentals	Composing

Education:

Advanced Composer in the BMI Musical Theatre Writing Workshop
B.M. Eastman School of Music in Jazz Piano Performance and Music Education
Primary Teachers: Elizabeth DiFelice (classical piano), Harold Danko (jazz piano), Theo Bleckmann (voice)
Tina Shafer (voice & vocal pedagogy), Randy Woolf (orchestration)

Experience:

MUSICAL THEATRE / OPERA PIANIST

Accompanist and Vocal Coach / <i>Mata Hari</i>	HERE Arts Workshop	2016 - present
Accompanist and Composer	BMI Writing Workshop	2011 - present
Rehearsal Pianist / <i>Astonishing Times of Timothy Cratchit</i>	Workshop Theatre	2015
Improviser of Incidental Music / <i>Taste of Honey</i>	Works by Women	2013
Orchestra Pit Pianist / <i>Offensive Women</i>	Zipper Theatre	2008
Orchestra Pit Pianist (sub)	Big Apple Circus	2006
Orchestra Pit Pianist <i>Mame</i>	St. Bart's Players	2005
Orchestra Pit Pianist <i>Pippin</i>	Elden St. Players	2002
Comedy Sketch Pianist <i>Talk Show Confidential</i>	Triad Theatre	2001 - 2003
Orchestra Pit Pianist <i>Fiddler, King & I, Brigadoon</i>	Chelmsford High School	1993-1995

MUSIC DIRECTOR / CONDUCTOR

Music Director, Composer, Accompanist	Circle Songbook	2013 - present
Music Director, Accompanist (sub) <i>Grease</i>	Cardinal Hayes High School	2016
Music Director, Composer, Accompanist <i>Lars</i>	NY Theatre Barn	2013
Orchestra Pit Conductor <i>Mystery of Edwin Drood</i>	Chelmsford High School	1996

SINGER-SONGWRITER / CONTEMPORARY FOLK

Band Leader, Pianist, Vocalist, Arranger, Songwriter	Anna Dagmar	2001 - present
Band Members: Ben Wittman (drums), Marc Shulman (guitar), Richard Hammond (bass)		
Released four albums, Airplay on 100 Folk Stations, Two Gold Prizes Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest, Kerrville and Rocky Mountain Folk National Finalist, Folk Alliance Showcase Artist, #5 Roots Music Chart, International touring including NYC, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Toronto, Stockholm, Berlin and London		

SIDE-PERSON / PIANIST / VOCALIST

	Various Artists	2001 - present
David Amram, Ellis Paul, Jane Siberry, Natalia Zukerman, Nadine Goellner, Carolann Solebello, Meg Braun, Honor Finnegan, Chelsea Berry, Martha Colby, Michael McGinnis, Meghan Toohey, Melineh Kurdian		

CHORAL

Conductor, Composer, Arranger	Summer Sonatina Singers	2001 - 2008
Conductor, Midori Foundation Teaching Artist	Harlem Children's Choir	2001 - 2002
Accompanist	Murray Elementary School	2001 - 2002
Accompanist and NYSSMA Vocal Coach	Mamaroneck High School	2001 - 2003
Assistant Conductor, Sight-Singing Teacher	Penfield Concert Chorale	2001
Accompanist, Assistant Conductor	CHS Concert & Jazz Choir	1993 - 1996

COMPOSER / SONGWRITING TEACHER

Composer-in-Residence	Nightingale Bamford School	2010 - 2012
Choral Composer and Arranger	Lycee Francais	2009 - 2011
Songwriting and General Music Teacher	Mamaroneck High School	2001 - 2002

JAZZ

Vespers Services with Jazz Director Ike Sturm	Saint Peter's Church	2003 - present
Pianist / Vocalist (national touring sub)	Lascivious Biddies	2008
Pianist / Vocalist	Eastman Jazz Ensemble	1996 - 2000
- Performed with Bobby McFerrin, Toots Thielemann, Kenny Wheeler, Maria Schneider, Jack DeJohnette		

DANCE

Pianist / Improviser	Milton Feher School of Dance	2001 - 2008
Dance and Theatre Accompanist	Levine School of Music	2000
Swing Dance Band Pianist	The Sun Princess	1998

WORLD

Indian Classical Raga Improvisation	Rajaf Quartet / Ikhlq Hussain	2004 - 2008
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EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC

Pianist / Folk Song Arranger / Improviser	Musical Kids	2002 - 2007
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References:

Eva Price - Producer (*Peter and the Starcatcher*, *The Lion*, *Hip Hop Nutcracker*)
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Rick Freyer - Moderator BMI Advanced Musical Theatre Writing Workshop
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Kevin Wanzor - Lyricist/Librettist and Writing Partner
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Tina Shafer - Voice Teacher and Founder of the New York Songwriters' Circle
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Yolanda Borrás - Founder of Musical Kids
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Ike Sturm - Director of Jazz at St. Peter's Church
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