

Duane Edwards

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Profile

Duane Edwards is an accomplished musician residing in Portland, Maine. Now in his 17th year as a full time professional, he has surpassed 3,000 gigs. He studied jazz with Greg Loughman, Steve Grover, Chuck Winfield, Bronek Suchanek, and also with heavyweight bassists Ben Allison and Drew Gress. Duane plays a wide range of styles from jazz to rock to cuban; has performed throughout the United States and Canada, notably at Lincoln Center. Duane has shared the stage with musicians such as Chuchito Valdes, Emilio Valdes, Jon Langford, Ben Taylor, Otis Redding III, Trombone Shorty, The Hot Sardines, and Jonathan Edwards. He is the bass professor at the University of Maine at Augusta, Bowdoin, and Colby.

Teaching

Adjunct Faculty, Cape Elizabeth High School; Cape Elizabeth, ME – 2021 to present
Adjunct Faculty, University of Maine at Augusta; Augusta, ME – 2019 to present

Ensemble Director - 2016 to present

Applied Faculty - 2014 to present

Applied Faculty, Bowdoin College; Brunswick, ME – 2014 to present

Applied Faculty, Colby College; Waterville, ME – 2016 to present

Private Instruction – 2002 to present

- Teaching electric bass, upright bass, guitar, and ensembles.

Midcoast School of Music; Portland, ME – 2010 to 2021

River Tree Arts; Kennebunk, ME – 2008 to 2017

Midtown Music; Biddeford, ME – 2008 to 2011

National Music Workshops; Portland, ME – 2008 to 2010

Music Enrichment Program, Sanford Schools; Sanford, ME – 2009 to 2011

Artist in Residence, Vinalhaven School; Vinalhaven, ME – 2008

Assistant Teaching, Rockland District Middle School; Rockland, ME – 2002 to 2003

Administrative

Music Department Coordinator, River Tree Arts; Kennebunk, ME – 2011 to 2015

Education

University of Southern Maine - MM Jazz Studies - 2020

University of Maine at Augusta - BM Jazz and Contemporary Music - 2007

Performance

(abridged)

Mes Ami – 2019 to present

Muddy Ruckus - 2011 to 2014, 2022

Primo Cubano – 2008 to present

Freelance Work – 2004 to present