



Innocent Okechukwu | Composer

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## Professional Profile

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I represent a revolutionary new pathway in music that stands at the intersection between tradition and modernity. A composer, and a Music Teacher. Very passionate about inculcating my musical knowledge in children, Adolescents, and young Adults. I have five years of experience in teaching music theory and piano to K-12. Currently, I am an Instructor on Record for Aural Skills III, at the Louisiana State University's School of Music. I also have many years of experience as a chorus director and As a church pianist.

My key interests in music have over the years grown so wide as I have continued to hone my skills and passion for music.

I am comfortable delivering lectures in these areas of interest: Composition, Aural Skills, Keyboard Harmony, Music Theory, and Choral conducting.

## Core Skills

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- Organisation
- Flexibility
- Presentation
- Open-minded
- Spontaneity
- Problem solving
- Influence
- Results-driven
- Creativity

## Career Summary

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Aug.2024 - Present

School of Music, Louisiana State University. LA, USA.

Instructor on Record (Aural Skills III)

*Outline*

Teaching Aural Skills to Sophomores, and Juniors, in key aspects of Solfeggio Singing, Rhythm, Conducting, chord Analysis, Melodic and Harmonic parts writing, Singing and playing the accompaniment, etc.

Taking and recording Attendances, assigning Homeworks, Dictations, Recitations, tests, Exams, and grading them.

Aug.2024 - Present

School of Music, Louisiana State University. LA, USA.

Teaching Assistant (Music Theory III)

*Outline*

Taking and recording Attendances, Reviewing students classworks, and grading Homeworks.

Sept. 2023 - July, 2024

United Congregational Church UCC, Worcester, MA, USA.  
Church Pianist

*Outline*

Providing piano accompaniment to worship, and preludes at Sunday Services, or any other required days.

August 2023 - July, 2024

Hillside Middle School, Marlborough, USA  
Music Teacher

*Outline*

*Teaching singing, general music, and band.*  
*Curating Concerts as needs arise.*  
*Composing and playing.*

Oct 2021 - April 2023

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Roslindale, MA, Boston, MA - USA  
Church Organist/Pianist

*Outline*

Providing piano accompaniment to worship, and preludes. Saturday and Sunday Masses.

*Key Responsibilities*

- Arrive on time and get the music ready.
- Care and maintain the piano.
- Provide music accompaniment.
- Report to the Priest.

Nov 2022 - April 2023

Sacred Heart STEM School, Roslindale, Boston USA  
Music Teacher

*Outline*

*Teaching singing, general music, and*  
*Curating Concerts as needs arise.*  
*Composing and playing.*

Dec 2020 - Jun 2021

The Regent British School, Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria  
Music Teacher

*Outline*

Teaching Music theory and instruments to students. Leading the chorus and band group.  
Planning lessons and assessing students through classroom monitor.

May 2018 - May 2020

Solid Rock Music and Dance Zone, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Music Instructor

*Outline*

Teaching Musical instruments, Piano, violin, and voice.  
Evaluating Students' performance and providing feedback and advice.  
Prepare students to take board-graded examinations, such as TCL, ABRSM, etc.

Dec 2014 - Jan 2016

Western Chorus Ensemble, Music Dept., University of Nigeria, Nsukka,  
Nigeria  
Assistant Music Director

*Outline*

Assisting the music director to lead the chorus.  
Standing by for rehearsals in the absence of the director.  
Conducting the chorus occasionally.

**Apr 2015 - Aug 2016**

**St. Mary's Anglican Church, Enugu-Ngwo, Nigeria, Nigeria  
Organist/pianist**

**Outline**

Playing the organ and piano for two services every sunday.

Attending rehearsals, and working closely with the Music Direct

**May 2016 - May 2017**

**Western Chorus Ensemble, Music Dept. University of Nigeria, Nsukka,  
Nigeria  
Music Director**

**Outline**

Directing and conducting the chorus.  
Selection of repertoirs.  
Leading rehearsals.  
Sourcing for accompanists.

**Apr 2016 - Oct 2017**

**Christ the King Catholic Church, Odenigbo-Nsukka, Nigeria., Nigeria  
Music Director/Pianist**

**Outline**

Making music selections.  
Leading choir rehearsals.  
Conducting and accompanying the choir.  
Scheduling rehearsal times.

## Education

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- **Ph.D. in Music Composition** | Louisiana State University , Baton Rouge, LA - USA (In View)
- **Masters in Music Composition** | Longy School of Music of Bard College, Cambridge, MA - USA  
May 2023
- **Music as a Healing and Transition Program** | Longy School of Music of Bard College,  
Cambridge, MA - USA | 2022
- **Bachelors degree, Music theory and composition** | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | Jun 2017

## Additional

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**Hobbies & Interests**

Tennis, Creative writing,

Ping pong

**Publications**

Musical Echoes, 2022

The Voyage - Graded piano pieces for beginners to advanced 2023.

## **Awards**

- \* Best Graduating student - 2017 - Music Department, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.
  
- \* Recipient of Browyn and Jeffrey Lamont's Social Change Fellowship. 2021- Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA,USA
  
- \* Equity Scholar award 2022 - Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA,USA.
  
- \* The First Winner of the UCCMA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anthem Commission - 2023 USA