Jessica Leza

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Education

Texas Woman's University Master of the Arts Equivalency in Music Therapy	Denton, TX 2010 - 2013
University of North Texas Bachelor's of Music Composition Minor: Music Theory; Concentration: Vocal Performance	Denton, TX 2000 - 2005
Klein Oak High School	1998 - 2000
Anglo-American School of Moscow	1996 - 97

Notable Music Performances

2009	FILE Electronic Language Festival	Sao Paulo, Brazil
2009	SoundLab VI - SoundPOOL	Cologne, Germany
2008	Havok on Halloween, Last Concert Café	Houston, TX
2008	New Genre XV	Tulsa, OK
2005	Van Go/Van Go, Senior Composition Recital	Denton, TX
2004	Electric LaTex music festival	Houston, TX
2004	Election, Performance Art group performance	Denton, TX
2003 – 2005	Performances of original works in regular concert series: CEMI Centerpieces, SPECTRUM	Denton, TX
2002 – 2005	Performances of original music by North TX student composers - Jon Collins, Nikki D'Agostino, Kazu Shiota, Beth Andresen, Brent Scheihagen, Gabriel Lit, Dajeong Choi, Camilo Salazar	Denton, TX

Performance Ensembles & Bands

2008 – 2009	About This Product (electronic/experimental)	Houston, TX
2007 - 2008	OUR (Zulu Reggae, Latin, Jazz)	Houston, TX
2006	Chang Shi Kuai Che ("The Underground")	Xiangtan, China
2004 – 2005	Mariachi Aguilas (Mexican traditional)	Denton, TX
2004	South Indian Cross Cultural Ensemble	Denton, TX
2003	Afro-Cuban Percussion Ensemble	Denton, TX
2003	Brazilian Percussion Ensemble	Denton, TX
2003 – 2004	Flat Bamboo (traditional Chinese & Western folk)	Denton, TX
2002 – 2005	The Otts (Indie Folk Rock)	Denton, TX
2000 – 2002	University of North TX Women's Chorus	Denton, TX
2001 – 2002	University of North TX Grand Chorus	Denton, TX
2000	Soloist, North Houston Youth Chorale	France
2000	All-Region Choir	Houston, TX
1998 – 2000	Klein Oak High School Chamber Choir	Spring, TX
1997 – 2000	Klein Oak High School Chorale	Spring, TX

Original Albums

2009	Anthropocene	
2007	Etudes	
2005	Van.Go/Van.Go	
2004	EP: Nothing Says Love Like Fish: Live from Norman	The Otts
2004	Sleep Study No. 001	

Professional Affiliations & Leadership Positions

Sigma Alpha Iota – Iota Omega Chapter (SAI)
American Music Therapy Association (AMTA/SWAMTA/AMTAS/SWAMTAS)
Student Association for Music Therapy - Webmaster (SAMT)
American Society of Composers and Musicians (ASCAP)
Society for Electro-Acoustic Music in the US (SEAMUS)
University of North Texas Composer's Forum Co-Chair (2003 – 05)

Music Therapy Practicum

Ordinary Times Day Club; Alzheimer's Dementia Day Group 2011 - Spring
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton TX

Professional Presentations

Percussion Techniques for Eliminating Phantom Limb Pain Waco, TX
Southwest American Music Therapy Conference 2011

Community Service

National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition, 2011 Denton, TX
* room monitor

Keep Denton Beautiful Redbud Festival, 2011 Denton, TX
* teach children to make and play their own percussion instruments

Curatorial & Field Study Experience

Creative Women Unite Annual Film Festival
Bohemeo's; Houston, TX (March 6-8, 2009)
Willow Pump Station; Houston, TX (March 8, 2008)

Field Study: Chinese Traditional Folk Music, Guangxi province, 2003

Field Study: Chinese Traditional Culture in Music, Taipei, Taiwan, 2002

Video Art performances featuring Original Music

2010	Los Angeles Center for Digital Art	Los Angeles, CA
2010	Señorita Cinema	Houston, TX
2009	Last Concert Café, * Opening act for My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult	Houston, TX
2009	Westheimer Block Party; Numbers Night Club * Headlining Act w/Groggy	Houston, TX
2009	91.7 KTRU Outdoor Show; Rice University * Opening act for Ted Leo & the Pharmacists	Houston, TX
2008	Boyle Heights Latina Independent Film Extravaganza	Los Angeles, CA
2008	Extremely Shorts 11; Aurora Picture Show	Houston, TX
2008	New Genre XV: Tulsa Living Arts; Nightingale Theater	Tulsa, OK
2008	Dreaming a New Real; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, NY
2008	Society for Electronic Music in the US Conference	Salt Lake City, UT
2007	BigScreen International Film Festival	Kunming, China
2007	Boyle Heights Latina Independent Film Extravaganza	Los Angeles, CA
2007	SPECTRUM; Merrill Ellis Intermedia Theater	Denton, TX
2007	Think Film; Think Coffee	Brooklyn, NY
2007	OK Electric: Tulsa Living Arts	Tulsa, OK
2007	Senorita Cinema; Lawndale Art Center	Houston, TX
2007	Zingology.com featured Video Artist	Online
2007	Electric LaTex; Merril Ellis Intermedia Theater	Denton, TX

Visual Art Exhibitions, Awards, & Publication

2010	Filament Magazine, photography feature "Brandon"	UK
2009	Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art	Los Angeles
2009	Festival Miden, Urban (R)evolutions	Kalamata, Greece
2009	*Almost Out of Grace* by David Yanez (Book Cover)	Kingwood, TX
2008	Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art	Los Angeles, CA
2007	UNICEF State of the World's Children Report 2007	
2007	Prix de la Photographie Paris, People's Choice Award	Paris, France
2007	Go Figure, M2 Gallery Group Exhibition	Houston, TX
2007	Digital Diversity, Ventura Artist's Union Gallery * Honorable Mention	San Buenaventura, CA
2007	Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art	Los Angeles, CA
2007	A Million Little Pictures, Art House	Decatur, GA
2007	Thieves Jargon Featured Photo Artist	ThievesJargon.com
2006	Gallery 19 (3 month group exhibition)	Houston, TX

Print Reviews, Interviews, & Publication

2010	SWAMTA Podcast @ 2010 Regional Conference	Amarillo, TX
2009	*TXPosure Magazine* Featured Artist (pending publication)	TXposure.net
2009	*Soundlab VI: SoundPool*	Cologne, Germany
2007	"My Elected Officials Want to Censor Your Mama: Frank Zappa Battles Censorship"	Bob Zappa book
2005	*Have Chocolate, Will Travel*	BootsNAll.com

Additional Courses & Certifications

Protecting Human Research Participants — Certification valid 2011 – 2013
National Institute of Health, Office of Extramural Research

Relevant Work Experience

2009 - current Demand Media Studios Denton, TX
Freelance writer

2007 – 2009 Chocolate Fountain Houston Houston, TX
Specialty catering & event services small business
Owner (Sole Proprietorship)

2008 – 2009 Wounded Rabbit Productions Houston, TX
Progressive Live Music Production Company & Record Label
Intern (web design, media, marketing, event management)

2005 – 2009 Alarana Atelier Texas
Multimedia Artists Cooperative & Independent Record Label
Director (Online portfolio development, Marketing resources, & booking)

2006 – 2010 Independent Marketing Contractor Houston, TX
Regional & National Marketing Firm event and marketing staff
Responsibilities include: Manage and train staff, tailor event services for individual client needs to increase sales and brand awareness through one on one interactions with consumers at special events.

2006 Hunan Institute of Engineering Xiangtan, China
Foreign Expert, International Business Department
Responsibilities include: teach English as a second language to 125 students through topics such as globalization, business plan development, time management, integrity in the workplace, analyzing and presenting graphical data.