

# Brenna Dickson

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## Freelance Projects

### **Music Composer and Sound Designer for *At Bay* (2021)**

- ◆ Composed original film score and sound design for a Lovecraft-inspired short film.

### **Music Composer for *A Fleeting Moment* (2021)**

- ◆ Composed and produced original orchestral music for a short animation film.

### **Music Composer and Sound Designer for *The Chicken Case* (2020)**

- ◆ Composed and produced original music and designed foley for an interactive-adventure animation video project.

## Awards

- ◆ **Best Original Score – *At Bay* (2021)**

Received at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Reel Loud Film Arts Festival (Santa Barbara, CA)

- ◆ **Allen Strange Memorial Composition Prize (2019)**

Original composition selected to be premiered by the San Jose Chamber Orchestra (San Jose, CA)

## Experience

### **Private Clarinet Instructor | *German International School of Silicon Valley (Mountain View, CA)***

- ◆ Provides private instruction to various woodwind students in technique, practice methods, and orchestra sectionals.
- ◆ Creates and provides recording material of individual song parts for at-home study references.

**September 2019 – Present**

### **Private Clarinet and Music Theory Instructor | *Legato Music School (Cupertino, CA)***

- ◆ Provides private instruction in both clarinet and music theory to a studio of students of elementary to high school age.
- ◆ Additionally prepares students for certified examinations in clarinet performance and music theory proficiency by assisting students to prepare specific repertoire.

**August 2019 – Present**

### **Private Music Instructor | *Brenna Dickson Music Studio (Originated San Jose, CA)***

- ◆ Assesses and develops effective lesson plans per individual based on a standard, proficient curriculum of fundamental clarinet technique and theoretical musicianship analysis.
- ◆ Teaching style values communication and a detail-oriented approach in response to student performance as well as influence of practical discipline and work ethic.

**September 2017 – Present**

### **Elementary Band Teacher | *S'Cool Spirit – Cupertino Union School District (Cupertino, CA)***

- ◆ Teaches music to students in Grades 3-5 with a focus on ensemble playing using woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments.

**September 2017 – June 2018, September 2021 – Present**

**Emerging Artist Fellowship | Chamber Music Silicon Valley (Santa Clara, CA)**

- ◆ Selected to participate in CMSV's premier fellowship program that prepares its constituents for professional careers in the music industry by focusing on musical excellence, leadership, entrepreneurship and community engagement.
- ◆ Composed original works that were publicly performed by other Emerging Artist constituents.

**October 2019 - May 2020**

**Digital Music Engraver | Brenna Dickson Music Studio (Originated San Jose, CA)**

- ◆ Transcribed handwritten symphonic band parts into a digital score format with individual parts.
- ◆ Edited and improved quality of original written music by creating a neat and legible layout and fixing mistakes for efficient reading.

**December 2018 - February 2019**

**Woodwind Technician | Del Mar High School - Campbell Union High School District (San Jose, CA)**

- ◆ Organized and led sectionals with clarinets, flutes and saxophones in preparation for marching band rehearsals and performances.

**September 2016 - November 2016**

**Production Technician and Assistant | Clark W. Fobes Clarinet and Saxophone Products (San Francisco, CA)**

- ◆ Assisted in various hand-skilled production steps of clarinet mouthpieces and barrels, including operating a Grizzly Lathe G0752.
- ◆ Managed financial transactions and shipment orders of the business' online operation via Quickbooks and Shopify, on occasion independently in charge of all assets.
- ◆ Prioritized fellow business clientele and customer service via online and over-the-phone communication.

**September 2014 - August 2016**

**Camp Counselor/Music Mentor | Living Jazz (Oakland, CA)**

- ◆ Serves as a role model and caregiver in an outdoor natural environment encouraging self-reliance, teamwork, social responsibility, and community values while also providing musical mentorship and artistry experience.

**July 2012 - Present**

## Education

San Jose State University | Graduated Spring 2020 with a Bachelor's of Music in Composition

## Digital Skills

Sibelius Ultimate Notation Software

MuseScore Notation Software

Logic Pro X Audio and Visual Collaboration, Recording, and Digital Sound Design

Ableton Live Audio Collaboration, Recording, and Sound Design

Integra Live Interactive Sound Design

Audacity Sound Editing and Recording