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### Educational Information:

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**GPA: 4.0/4.0**

**B.M. (Classical Piano Performance) from Rice University in 2022**

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### Honors & Awards:

2024 BMI/PeerMusic Latin Music Award for “Ocurrencias”  
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2022 Mary Ellen Hale Lovett Traveling Fellowship  
2021 Special Mention in Amsonia International Composition Contest for *Nocturne*.  
2019 Scored an animated short film *Lil’ Hybrids* that won a Bronze Remi Award at Houston WorldFest.  
2018 Texas All-State Jazz Band  
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### Notable Performances and Experiences:

July 2024 Jazz, TX (San Antonio) show with Benny Benack III  
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November 2023 Murchison Performing Arts Center (with Helen Sung and the One O’Clock Lab Band®)  
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September 2023 Steve’s Wine Bar (with Nick Finzer Sextet)  
May 2023 Jacksonville Jazz Festival (with Ulysses Owens, Jr. and Reuben Rogers)  
April 2023 Paul Voertman Concert Hall (with Laila Biali and the UNT Jazz Singers)  
October 2022 Denton Arts and Jazz Festival (with the UNT Jazz Singers)  
June 2022 Brevard Jazz Institute  
July 2021 Jazz in July Program  
June 2021 Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium (with Michael Dease and Jane Monheit)  
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July 2019 UNT Jazz Combo Workshop

### Discography:

2026 Album *The Unsung Sinatra* ft. Elijah Thiessen  
2024 Duet EP *Two Percent* ft. Dani Toralla  
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2022 Album *First Impressions* (multigenre solo album of all original music, self-recorded, mixed, and mastered)  
2021 EP *Four Songs without Words* ft. Connor Chaikowsky  
2020 Single *Nocturne* for Piano and Strings

### Research:

2023 “[Misunderstood: The Other Side of Art Tatum](#)” published May 2024 in *Harmonia*, Vol. 20  
2022 [Lecture-Performance](#) + Q&A to Scriabin Society of America on “Scriabin’s Harmonic Prophecies of Jazz”

**Employment History:**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
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2022	Teaching/Resident Assistant at Brevard Jazz Institute	Assisting faculty, supervising high-school student living quarters, coaching younger students, and keeping track of the students.
2018-2021	Church Pianist at The Fountain of Praise	Recommended songs and created arrangements for the church band in the Black Gospel tradition.
Summer 2019/2020	Legal Intern at Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office	Assist prosecutors in summarizing evidence, listening to phone calls, contacting witnesses, translating and transcribing audio. During the Summer of 2020, I accepted a position as an intern again but was unable to attend due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Summer 2017	Legal Intern at The Middleton Law Firm, PLLC	I interned with attorney and judge Brian Middleton to learn about the legal process, help him in his office, and observe court trials.
2011-2018	Houston Young Artist (two 4-year terms)	HYAC is a group of elite musicians volunteering to perform at retirement homes, hospitals, and concert halls around the city.
2015-Present	Music by Tomás <a href="http://www.musicbytomas.com">www.musicbytomas.com</a>	Since the age of 5, I have been studying the piano to perform, compose, and enjoy music. I perform in concert halls, churches, corporate events, weddings, funerals, and restaurants across a diverse spectrum of genres.

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### Institutional Funding Received:

2024 Peabody LaunchPad Career Development Grant *The Unsung Sinatra* Album  
2024 Peabody LaunchPad Logistical Grant for Travel and Performance at Jazz Education Network (JEN) 2025  
2023 UNT Need-Based Travel and Recording Scholarship for recording *Two Percent* EP ft. Dani Toralla  
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### Notable Performances:

November 2025 The Lalu Hotel (Taiwan) with The Grooveline Dallas  
November 2025 Busboys and Poets DC with Dominick Farinacci’s Modern Warrior Project  
October 2025 Baretto NYC with Benny Benack III Quartet  
October 2025 The Kennedy Center with Marcel Penzes New Orleans Jazz Sextet  
September 2025 Boordy Vineyards with Brinae Ali and Sean Jones  
March 2025 - Present: Pianist for Javier Nero Jazz Orchestra Residency at An Die Musik  
March 2025 Guatemala Jazz Festival with Afina-Dos (Latin Jazz Duo)  
July 2024 The Kitchen Café with Vero Pérez  
July 2024 Jazz, TX (San Antonio) show with Benny Benack III Quartet  
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