

Karl Lyden

Trombonist – Arranger – Instructor

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Education

New York University 2012-2014

M.M. Jazz Performance
3.9 GPA

University of Nebraska-Lincoln 2008-2012

B.A. Music Performance, Biology minor
3.8 GPA, Graduated with Honors

Teaching

Adjunct Faculty, New York University (2013–14)

- Teach private lessons to NYU music minors and non-majors
- Conduct and arrange music for student trombone ensemble

Instructor, Brooklyn Music School (2017-19)

- Teach private lessons to students after school
- Lead an improvisation class at BMS jazz festival

Instructor, Harmony Program (2014–17)

- Teach trombone and trumpet to elementary school students
- Coordinate two group recitals

Teaching Assistant, Community Partnership Charter (2012–14)

- Work as a reading/writing tutor
- Assist in teaching general music to 1st–4th graders
- Give weekly group lessons in trombone and bass guitar

Private Trombone teacher (2006–present)

- Teach classical and jazz to middle school through adult students
- Prepare students for upcoming auditions and competitions
- Method book with video tutorials in progress
(https://www.karllyden.com/store/c7/Slidin%27_Slurs.html)

Performing Experience

Musical Theatre

Old Friends – chair holder (2025)

Radio City Christmas Spectacular – chair holder (2017-18, 2023-25)

Miss Saigon – chair holder (National tour, 2018-19)

Rocktopia – chair holder (2018)

Prince of Broadway – chair holder (2017)

A Night with Janis Joplin – chair holder (North American tour, 2016)

Lazarus – chair holder (New York Theatre Workshop, 2015-16)

Substitute: *Cabaret, Merrily We Roll Along, Days of Wine and Roses, Sweeney Todd, Some Like it Hot, MJ: the Musical, The Music Man, Book of Mormon, Lion King, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Frozen, My Fair Lady, On the Town, Matilda, Kinky Boots*

Jazz/Commercial

Streetlight Manifesto – band member (2015-present)

Lawrence – several performances/recordings (2015-present)

Lucy Woodward (2016)

John Daversa Big Band (2014)

Classical

Pegasus the Orchestra (2025)

On Site Opera (2022-23)

A Winged Victory for the Sullen (Tour, 2020)

Princeton Symphony Orchestra (2018)

Competitions

American Trombone Workshop Solo Jazz Competition (Finalist, 2015)

Army Blues Jazz Trombone audition (Finalist, 2014)

Disneyland All-American College Band (Lead trombone and Arranger, 2013)

Downbeat Student Music Award Winner (2011)

Credits

Selected Discography

Clair Obscur: Expedition 33 (2025)
Andrew Polec – *Freaking in the Mirror* (2023)
Billy Eric's New Amsterdam Orkest (2023)
Discount Ghost Stories: Colorado (2020)
Co-op – Original Soundtrack (2019)
Wing Walker Orchestra – *Hazel* (2019)
The NYChillharmonic – *I* (2019)
Lawrence – *Living Room* (2018)
Reginald Chapman – *Prototype* (2018)
Prince of Broadway – Original Cast Recording (2018)
Alon-E – *Everything* (2018)
Sean Wood – *Hevæn* (2017)
SeraSymphony II: *Half Moon* (2017)
Lazarus – Original Cast Recording (2016)
Adler Hall – *Tourist* (2016)
Los Ciegos del Barrio – *El Barrio* (2016)
Steve Raybine – *Cool Vibes* (Arranger, 2016)
Lawrence – *Breakfast* (2016)
Dan Zimberg – *Sunshine Dress* (2016)
Glenn White – *Quirk* (2015)
Matt Bravmann – *Brave the Night* (2015)
Alejandro Meola – *First Impressions* (2015)
Netanel Hershtik – *The Art of Cantor* (2015)
BOMBRASSTICO – *Megaton* (2015)
Joey Contreras – *Young Kind of Love* (2015)

Compositions/Arrangements

Trombone Quartet

- Blazhevich *Three Studies for Trombone Quartet* (Cherry Classics Music, 2020)
- Bordogni Vocalise no. 28 (self-published, 2018)

Small Jazz Group

- Debut Album *Undercurrents* (self-released, April 2015)
- All original compositions registered on ASCAP

Big Band

- *Tell It All* (Pat Metheny arr. 2013)
- *Process of Illumination* (2011)
- *Downside Up* (2011)
- Steve Raybine arrangements (self-published, 2015): *San Diego Surf*, *Bad Kat Karma*, *Cha Cha Cool*, *Step It Up*, *Sno' Fun*

Other Awards

NYU Jazz Studies Scholarship (2012-14)
UNL Presser Scholar (2011)
National Merit Finalist (2008)
Eagle Scout (2006)

References

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