

Cameron Spencer – Professional Pianist and Music Tutor

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Personal Statement -

I am an enthusiastic and hardworking professional pianist, with over a decade of experience performing live, producing, composing, and teaching music to people of all ages and abilities.

I have been involved with music from an early age, playing in a variety of bands and interacting with musicians from a variety of different disciplines. Since graduating from the Academy of Contemporary Music with a BMus degree in Professional Performance (2:1), I have taught music in a variety of settings, contributed to musical projects, and performed at various functions, festivals, and aboard cruise ships.

Key Skills and Experience -

- Patient, easy to talk to, organised, well-spoken, creative, and confident.
- Able to lead or support other musicians and perform solo material.
- 11+ years of experience teaching the piano, music theory and music production.
- 11+ years of experience composing, arranging, and recording music using DAWs and Sibelius.
- 14+ years of experience performing live.

Employment History -

Freelance Piano Tutor, Performer, and Studio Musician

(2014 – present)

- Teaching the piano to children and adults across Somerset in-person (and as far afield as America online), helping them achieve their musical goals.
- Periodically teaching students GCSE and A-level music and music technology subjects.
- Songwriting, recording and performing with original artists and function bands.

Pianist on cruise ships – Princess, P&O, Holland America (Rolling Stone Lounge)

(2019 – present)

- Playing live to hundreds of passengers every day (with a repertoire of hundreds of songs).
- Engaging with guests, playing solo sets, covering for sick musicians, and performing crew duties.

Freelance Artist Management

(2018 – present)

- Working for local artist Mark Noble, managing his website, organising exhibitions, workshops, producing marketing materials, creating prints and selling art.

Head of Marketing and Rural Music Network Assistant – Young Somerset (charity)

(2017 – 2019)

Assisted 'Young Somerset' in improving their image and engaging with young people more effectively. Created a new company logo, social media pages, and produced high quality posters, leaflets, and brochures, whilst helping to shape a brand-new website. This, coupled with a fresh marketing strategy, led to a higher turnout at events run by Young Somerset, while also generating more interest among potential funders.

Successfully applied for funding to set up the 'Keys and Production Academy.' I led several workshops and improved peoples' confidence and technique.

Music Teacher – Private Music Lessons UK and Open2Music

(2014 – 2016)

- Taught children on a weekly basis in Surrey, preparing them for ABRSM and Rock School grades.
- Made lessons more enjoyable with the use of technology, original backing tracks, scores, and fun activities.
- Selected a variety of compositions and analysed them to aid students' learning.
- Took part in school assemblies to encourage children to learn the piano and motivate them.

Administrator – Datasharp UK

(2011)

Part time admin role for a telecommunications company - filing electronic documents, editing spreadsheets and contact databases, calculating earnings using various formulae, and conducting product research.

Education/Qualifications -

The Academy of Contemporary Music – Keyboard Professional Performance (BMus) – 2:1

(2014 – 2016)

- Became involved with a variety of function bands and original bands in Surrey.
- Performed as a member of a dozen final performance bands, often assisting with arrangements.
- Student representative – influenced a new and improved module selection/timetable system.
- Provided valuable feedback regarding courses and facilities to board members as a Student Union member.

Huish Sixth Form – A levels in Music and Music Tech

(2012 – 2014)

- Music, Edexcel – B grade.
- Music Tech, Edexcel – B grade.
- Extended Project Qualification, AQA (analysing video game music, composing an original theme).

Additional activities:

- Musical Director for a college-based function band.
- Played in the college's own Big Band and provided guidance to younger members.

Ansford Academy – GCSEs

(2007 – 2012)

- 12 GCSEs, (3 A grades and 9 B grades), ASDAN award in photography.

ABRSM Grades

(2005 – 2014)

- Grade 6 practical: merit; Grade 5 theory: distinction; Jazz Grade 5 practical: distinction.

Projects -

Arranging Parts for Clients Online

(2017 – present)

Arranged brass and piano parts for a popular American Led Zep tribute act in 2025. Previously created drum tracks and piano arrangements for pro musicians around the world.

Music Composition and Production

(2015 – present)

Composed original songs featuring singer and lyricist Gabby Isaacs, with airtime on 'BBC Introducing' in 2023.

Previously co-produced mainstream pop music with producer Sudhan Gurung and helped raise money with a charity single (endorsed by famous Nepalese public figures) after the Nepalese Earthquake of 2015.

Events Planning

(2017 – present)

Co-founded a mini arts festival in Somerset in entitled the 'Butleigh Village Arts in The Park Picnic.' Michael Eavis (founder of Glastonbury Festival) opened the event, which was a great success.

Oversaw the creation of promotional material, floor plans, equipment lists and other documents. Similar events took place in 2018, including a memorable tour of Glastonbury by the Osiligi Maasai Warriors.

Hobbies & Interests -

Previously attended a jazz club in Wells called the 'Wells Jazz Collective.'

Outside of music, I enjoy photography, gaming, exercise, and sports such as badminton.

I took part in the 'Ten Tors' hiking expedition on Dartmoor and the National Citizen Service (NCS), which included kayaking, abseiling, and creating a butterfly reserve on Ebbor Gorge. I was lucky enough to have skydived in New Zealand a few years ago.

I was also the project leader of a videogame development team made up of enthusiastic, professional and hobbyist videogame developers from across the globe. We worked on a game inspired by the 'Star Wars: Battlefront' series, and received positive feedback from famous bloggers, industry professionals, and fans across the world.

Other Skills -

I am confident using the OSX and Windows operating systems, Logic Pro, Sibelius, Musescore, Photoshop, Lightroom, Final Cut Pro and Microsoft Office. I also have experience with Pro Tools and Ableton.