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Education

- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey** Sep 2002-May 2006
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Jazz Performance, Mason Gross School of the Arts.
- Taalim School of Indian Music, Edison, New Jersey** 2002-Present
- Senior disciple, Pandit Divyang Vakil
 - Diploma, Tabla and Percussion Study
- Rhythm Riders School, Ahmedabad, India** 2005-2006, 2009
- Certificate Tabla and Percussion Study
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Teaching and Performing Experience

- Vincent Pierce Percussion** 2002-Present
- **Founder and director of VPP**, a percussion school specializing in world percussion instruments including Tabla, Drum set, Piano, Cajon, Conga, Djembe and Electronic Music
 - **Professional video and audio production**
- Taalim School of Indian Music, Edison, NJ** 2005-2013
- Performer for Pradhanica and Kathak Dance
 - Taught workshops, classes, and private lessons for Tabla and Indian music on western instruments
- Music Tech Contemporary Music Institute** Sep 2016-Present
- Teaching weekly private Marimba, Tabla, Drum set and Cajon lessons
- University of Illinois** Feb 2016
- **Lecture demonstration** - Taught workshops for undergraduate students on applying North Indian Rhythms to different instruments and how they work with various art forms such as dance.
- Mason Gross Dance Department** 2005-Present
- Senior music accompanist for BFA modern dance classes.
 - Senior music accompanist for BFA Afro Fusion and Urban Fusion dance classes.
 - Sound and Movement and Rhythm **teacher** for BFA dance students.
- Governor's School for the Arts, Virginia** 2007, 2011
- Music Accompanist for Modern and African dance classes
 - Sound and Movement teacher for pre collegiate students
- Pradhanica** 2012-Present
- Lead member of Kathak dance and world percussion group, Pradhanica, lead by Pandit Divyang Vakil
- Westminster Conservatory** Sep 2012-Dec 2012
- Taught Tabla as a faculty member of the Music Department.
- Mason Gross Extension Division** Sep 2016-Present
- Teaching private lessons and ensembles
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Performing Experiences

6-Wire Band	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed at University of Delaware fundraiser for Chief Guest, former Vice President Joe Biden	
Pradhanica	2012-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed at The Kennedy Center (DC), MCCarter Theater(NJ), Lone Tree arts Center(CO), World music festivals, and nationally in Canada.	
NAMM Show	2011-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demos and sales for Schlagwerk cajons	
Gear Fest (Sweetwater.com)	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demos for Schlagwerk	
Al Chez and the Brothers of Funk	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jazz Drum set	
Rusted Root	2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Played world percussion for Legendary band	
Billy Martin	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed "Stridulations" with Legendary Drummer	
Natural Breakdown	2003-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Toured nationally for seven yearsBB Kings (NYC), National Festivals - Mountain Jam(NY), Earth Dance(CA), Dreamtime(CO)World Cafe Live (PA), Fox Theatre, CO	
Your Move Modern Dance Festival (NJ),	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Composed and performed music for a duet with Nimisha Mahiyaria	
ATTMA Performing Arts (Mystic India)	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed at NJPAC (Large room) (NJ), Riverside Theater, Milwaukee, Lisner Auditorium, DC, Fairfield Theater Company	
Mike Montrey Band	2016-17
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rock and Folk Drum set for tour and shows	
Monmouth County Orchestra	2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Snare drum, Bass drum, and Cymbals	
Rutgers Glee Club	2014-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Performed Tabla for A Wedding Qawwali Piece in Washington DC and New Jersey	
Mason Gross African Ensemble	2004-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Played talking drum, Djembe, and Bells	
Full list and discography on website	

Endorsements

Schlagwerk, Germany (Cajons, Hand Percussion)	Sep 2011-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brand Endorser - Demo at Trade shows including NAMM and Sweetwater Gear fest	
Regal Tip (NY) , (Sticks, Brushes)	2013-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Product reviews	
Amplified Timber (CA).(Microphones)	2014-Present
TRX Cymbals (CA)	2017-Present

Composing Experience

<i>"A slice of Life"</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film score for Chien-Ying Wang shown at NYC Film festival 	
<i>"Embodied Truth"</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance score played live - Raritan Valley Community College, NJ 	
<i>"Three"</i>	Nov, 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your Move Dance festival - Debaun Performing Arts Center, Hoboken, NJ 	
<i>Glitch"</i>	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score composed with Nimisha Mahiyaria - Mason Gross 	
<i>"Dance is a moving painting"</i>	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score for Nimisha Mahiyaria Mason Gross 	
<i>Sound Technician</i>	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live sound and Road Manager for <i>Tabla Ecstasy</i> 	
<i>"Desire"</i>	Dec, 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score composed choreography by Kim Gibilisco - Dance Plus 	
<i>"The Transcendent State"</i>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turiya, Full length album 	
<i>Kathak Dance Pieces</i>	2013- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded for Jin Won and <i>Pradhanica</i> 	
<i>"All The Paths"</i>	2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Breakdown – Natty B Records 	
<i>"Soundscapes"</i>	Dec, 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance score written and performed live for Mason Gross Dance Plus 	
<i>"Inside The One"</i>	2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Breakdown – Natty B Records 	
<i>Sound and lighting Technician</i>	2007-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholas Music Center, Mason Gross 	
<i>"Milked"</i>	1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full length Album by "Adams Not Funny" New Jersey 	
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Radio performances/Interviews	
<i>WKCR 89.9 - New york City</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance and interview with Pradhanica 	
<i>WDHA 105.5 - New Jersey</i>	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance and interview with Natural Breakdown 	
<i>Podcast - playcajon.org</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview with Paul Jennings of playcajon.org 	

