

CARMEN SPADA

PIANIST, VOCALIST, ACCORDIONIST, COMPOSER, ARRANGER, EDUCATOR

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EDUCATION

Berklee College of Music, Boston, Massachusetts
B.M Jazz Composition, B.M Performance
Summa Cum Laude **Sept. 2003- Dec. 2007**

Grade 9 Piano, First Class Honours
Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Ontario **June 2003**

Grade 4 Harmony, First Class Honours
Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Ontario **December 2001**

Mayfield Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario
Regional Arts Music Program **Sept. 1998- Dec. 2002**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

PERFORMANCE:

Pianist, Accordionist, *Robert Michaels Group*
Toronto, Ontario
robertmichaels.com **June 2013- present**

Pianist, Vocalist, Composer, Arranger, *Carmen Spada Trio, Quartet, Sextet*
Toronto, Ontario & Boston, Massachusetts
carmenspada.com **Feb. 2008- present**

Freelance musician for private and corporate events internationally, jazz festivals
world/folk music festivals, guest artist, various worship services **Sept. 2003- present**

EDUCATION:

Sessional Lecturer, Jazz Studies, *School of Fine Art & Music*
University of Guelph
Guelph, Ontario **September 2019- present**

Piano, Harmony, Composition, Arranging, Ear Training Instructor, *thumbtack.com*
-Online webcam instruction, jazz and contemporary music studies **June 2015- present**

Piano, Theory, Harmony, Composition, Arranging, Ear Training Instructor, *Personal Studio*
Brampton, Ontario & Boston, Massachusetts
-focused on developing high school and continuing education students in the elements of
jazz and contemporary music. Studio boasts a 100% acceptance rate history with students who
have applied to Berklee College of Music, University of Toronto, York University, and Humber
College. **Jan. 2003- present**

PHILANTHROPY:

Co-Founder, Artistic Director, *B-Jazzed*
Brampton, Ontario
-Curating performances, education, and promotion of jazz music and musicians
in Brampton, as well as the annual *World of Jazz Festival*

March 2017- present

Berklee College of Music, *Alumni Ambassador*
-Representing Berklee in Canada and internationally

June 2014- present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

PERFORMANCE:

Accordianist, *Henri Smith Band*
Boston, Massachusetts
gimmesound.com/HenriSmith

Jan. 2010- Dec. 2013

Pianist, Accordianist, Composer, Arranger, *Luna Bianca*
Toronto, Ontario
<https://www.facebook.com/Luna-Bianca-271136932948047/>

Jan. 2010- Dec. 2013

EDUCATION:

Sessional Lecturer, Jazz Studies, *School of Fine Art & Music*
University of Guelph
Guelph, Ontario

Jan. 2017- Dec. 2017

Piano, Theory, Harmony, Composition, Ear Training Instructor
Long & McQuade Musical Instruments
Brampton, Ontario

Sept. 2011- June 2016

Performance Instructor, *Young Audiences of Massachusetts*
Allston, Massachusetts
yamass.org

Mar. 2008- Dec. 2010

Music Director, *Stagecoach Productions*
Brampton, Ontario

July 2006

LECTURES/CLINICS:

Panelist, *Arts Adventures: Social Media's Role in the Arts*
Rose Theatre
Brampton, Ontario

May 2019

Panelist, *Communities Connect: Festivals & Conferences*
MusicOntario
Brampton, Ontario

April 2019

Panelist, *Opportunity Knocks: Visual Arts & Music*
Guelph Arts Council
Guelph, Ontario

November 2017

Lecture, *On Choosing & Attending Undergraduate & Post-Graduate Music Institutes*
University of Guelph, School of Fine Art & Music
Guelph, Ontario **April 2017**

Clinician, *The Equality of Improvisation & Composition*
University of Guelph, School of Fine Art & Music
Guelph, Ontario **March 2017**

Clinician, *I, IV, V...and beyond! Creating Harmonic Progressions Through The Evolution of Harmonic Progressions*
Long & McQuade University
Brampton, Ontario **March 2017, '18, '19**

Clinician, *Diatonicism & Improvisation*
Robert F. Hall Secondary School
Caledon East, Ontario **November 2013**

Clinician, *Le Villotte: The Jazz Music of Friuli*
Fogolar Congresso of North America
Vaughan, Ontario **October 2012**

COMPOSITION:

Contributing Composer, *Modal Jazz Conception*, compiled by Ueli Dorig
uelidoerig@hotmail.com **Release Date TBA**

Music Copyist, *Lettucehead Productions*
chrisbilton.com **June 2014**

Arranger, *Good Worship Music*
jeremyethangood@yahoo.com **Jan. 2010- Jan. 2013**

Music Copyist, *David Stern*
Boston, Massachusetts
617-547-4411 **Feb. 2008- Jan. 2011**

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE:

Musical Director, Accordionist, Master of Ceremonies, *Italian Flag Raising*
City of Brampton
Brampton, Ontario **June 2019**

Musical Director, Pianist, Arranger, *Tree Lighting Ceremony*
City of Brampton
Brampton, Ontario **November 2018**

Artistic Director, Performer, *World of Jazz Festival*
Brampton, Ontario
worldofjazz.ca **September 2017, '18, '19**

Pop and Jazz Piano Adjudicator, *Davenport Festival of Music*
Toronto, Ontario
davenportfestivalofmusic.ca **April 2015, '16, '17, '18, '19**

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| Musical Director, Performer, <i>Fogolars Congresso 2012</i> Vaughan, Ontario www.fameefurlane.com | Oct. 2011- Oct. 2012 |
| Roland V-Accordion Demo Artist, <i>Roland Canadian V-Accordion Championship</i> Mississauga, Ontario facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151051086895248.421987.188087010247&type=3 (2012) facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150290772100248.333825.188087010247&type=1 (2011) | August 2011, 2012 |
| Guest Artist, <i>Michael Ciuffo in Concert</i> Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Ontario | July 2009, January 2011 |
| College Fair Facilitator, <i>Berklee College of Music</i> Boston, Massachusetts | April 2008- Dec. 2010 |
| Showband Pianist, <i>Carnival Cruise Lines</i> | Jan. 2005, June 2007 |
| Guest Soloist, <i>Brampton Symphony Orchestra</i> Brampton, Ontario | Aug. 2004, 2005 |

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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| Recipient, City of Brampton, <i>Arts Acclaim Award</i> | April 2018 |
| Recipient, Socan Foundation, <i>Travel Assistance Grant</i> -Funding supported travel to New York City for research and networking opportunities for <i>World of Jazz Festival 2018</i> | December 2017 |
| Roland Canada, <i>Musician of the Month</i> http://rolandblog.ca/musician-of-the-month-carmen-spada/ | October 2013 |
| Recipient, Canada Council For The Arts, <i>Travel Grant</i> -Funding supported travel to participate as a composer at the Kenderdine Jazz Retreat Emma Lake, Saskatchewan | August 2012 |
| Recipient, Ontario Arts Council, <i>Creation Grant</i> -Funding to produce <i>Buona Sera</i> EP, August 2013 release | October 2011 |
| Winner, <i>Rose Theatre Singer/Songwriter Competition</i> Brampton, Ontario | October 2010 |
| Berklee College of Music, <i>Herb Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Jazz Composition</i> Boston, Massachusetts | March 2007 |
| Nominated, <i>Boston Jazz Society Scholarship</i> Boston, Massachusetts | January 2006 |
| Berklee Scholarship Student Ambassador Boston, Massachusetts | Oct. 2004- Dec. 2007 |

Berklee College of Music, *Berklee Achievement Scholarship*
Boston, Massachusetts

Sept. 2004- Dec. 2007

DISCOGRAPHY

Buona Sera, Independent Release

August 2013

Common Ground, Jazz Revelation Records- JR0005-08

August 2008

Yours To Discover, Independent Release

July 2004

PERFORMED AT:

BOSTON:

Berklee Performance Centre, Redroom at Cafe 939, Prudential Centre Summer Concert Series, Kendall Square Summer Concert Series, Block Island Summer Concert Series, The Harvard Club, St. Anthony Feast, St. Peter's Fiesta, Wakefield Italian Festival

ONTARIO:

Rose Theatre, Living Arts Centre, Isabel Bader Theatre, National Arts Centre, Aeolian Hall, River Run Centre, Flato Markham Theatre, Garden Square, TD Toronto Jazz Festival, Guelph Jazz Festival, World of Jazz Festival, Brantford Jazz Festival

COLLABORATIONS

Jerry Weldon, Sass Jordan, Terry Clarke, Dave Young, Neil Swainson, Ted Warren, Pat Collins, Marc Rogers, Mark McLean, Kelly Jefferson, Richard Whiteman, William Sperandei, Kelsley Grant, Brendan Davis, Kevin Knelman, Avery Raquel, Rob McBride, Nick "Brownman" Ali, Drew Birston, Chendy Leon, Kevin LaLiberte, Ernest Dawkins, Chris Bilton, Michael Ciufo, Rosanna Rivero, Robert Michaels, Sugar Aloes, Henri Smith, Amadee Castenell, Steve Rochinski, Daniel Ian Smith, Jason Camelio