



HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

- Music
- Performing
- Singing

ART FORMS

- Film Composition

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What drew you to arts education, and how do you practice the arts in your own life?

Studying the arts in my own life has greatly impacted me in very positive ways. [Because of this impact,] I wanted to give back to today's youth as well. I am currently a working film composer and singer songwriter.

Tell us about an impactful experience or association with the arts from your youth.

Visiting the backlots of Disney to see what it's like being a studio musician in a real music studio.

Is there anything you would tell your 15-year-old self with regard to the arts, if you had the opportunity to do so?

Keep practicing, you have all the time in the world right now.

In your opinion, what are the biggest barriers to equitable arts education access in Los Angeles?

LAUSD is a huge school district and because of this, it is difficult to inform every one of the importance of equity and inclusion. I think shifting a focus to this will help break the barriers we see today. More focus must be put on those communities who are neglected. Arts programs that reflect the diversity of our students is key.