

# TIM BYRNES

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Tim Byrnes has been playing and teaching music in New York City for over twenty years. He worked for sixteen years as a music teacher at St. Luke's School in the West Village. It was there that he proved himself to be a master of instrumental music education, raising several generations of students with a love for playing music together in a variety of creative formats, including rock band ensembles and concert band wind ensembles. His students participated in concert performances at community venues, live radio broadcasts, and studio recordings produced at professional music studios.

After St. Luke's, Tim taught at Wagner Middle School (MS 167), a public school in the Upper East Side, which boasts the largest middle school concert band program in Manhattan. Tim's time at Wagner straddled the COVID-19 pandemic, which gave him the opportunity to successfully make the move from traditional school band rehearsals of one hundred students, to remote music education when necessary, using a variety of innovative technological platforms. While at Wagner, Tim also worked in the ELA / English department.

Starting in early 2022, Tim began collaborating with his friend Darvin Lau, teaching at The Bay Ridge School of Music in Brooklyn, further honing not only his teaching skills, but also his skills in community develop and outreach.

Tim is now focusing his unique approach to teaching instrumental performance, practical music theory, improvisation, and composition at his own institution, The Epouranios School, which aside from teaching young people, has accepted and inspired a significant group of adult students as well. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies from New York University, plus a Master's degree in Music Education from Hunter College.

