

Artist Bio:

Carlen MacFarlane is a saxophonist and educator studying at Brandon University, pursuing a Music and Education concurrent degree. Growing up in Grosse Isle, Manitoba, Carlen's dedication to music persisted despite lengthy commutes into the city year-round, showing his strong commitment to pursuing private lessons and overcoming the limited musical opportunities presented in a rural setting. Carlen has been playing in community, school, university, and professional-level ensembles since 2014, most recently performing in the International Music Camp's faculty band and with the Brandon University *Symphonic Band*. Other ensembles include the Brandon University *Chorale*, Brandon University *Eklektikos*, Eric Whitacre's *Virtual Choir 6*, and the *Coonabarabran Orbital Swing Band* in rural New South Wales, Australia. As an educator, Carlen is committed to guiding students towards musical joy and purpose, emphasizing the significance of individuality, culture, and personal values.

Mission Statement:

Carlen is devoted to fostering a vibrant and inclusive learning environment where every student discovers their unique musical voice, celebrating the richness of diverse cultures and perspectives. Carlen aims beyond the classroom and passionately cultivates a community where students not only excel in music but also thrive in embracing their authentic selves.

Skills List:

- Office Work (administrative programs like excel, word, etc.)
- Problem-Solving
- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Musical Performance
- Knowledge about Music Programs (Audacity, FL Studio, etc.)
- Theater Performance
- Time Management

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