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## Top Skills

Music Education

Composition

Music

## Languages

Esperanto

Spanish

Portuguese

## Publications

Trombone Concerto

Euphonium Concerto

...and dispel the miseries of the world for baritone saxophone and chamber orchestra

Symphony No. 1 ("Esperanto") for mezzo-soprano and orchestra

Ho, Mia Kor' for soprano and piano

# David Gaines

Composer-Musician-Entertainer

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

## Summary

Musician with over 40 years of experience as a classically trained composer, arranger, performer, karaoke DJ, and music journalist. Also a volunteer animal welfare activist for over 20 years specializing in ferret, chinchilla, and small mammal advocacy, rescue, and husbandry.

Professional musical collaborations and performances include: Embassy of Afghanistan in Washington, Afghan pop music legend Ehsan Aman, Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra (Slovakia), Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra (Czech Republic), PJ Veyvanovsky Symphony Orchestra (Czech Republic), Orchestra of the Podlasie Opera & Philharmonic (Poland), Stamford Young Artists Philharmonic (Connecticut), Bulgarian Esperanto Choir, Master Singers of Virginia, Peabody Wind Ensemble (Baltimore, Md.), and the Seattle avant/progressive ensemble Moraine; conductors Pawel Kotla, Kirk Trevor, Harlan Parker, Viktor Kozanek, Salvatore Princiotti, and Vit Micka; soprano Bree Nichols, mezzo-sopranos Joanna Dobrakowska and Kimball Wheeler, tubist Mark Cox, flutist Elizabeth Sadilek-Labenski, trombonists Eileen Meyer Russell and Robert Kozanek, saxophonist James DeJoie, violinist Darel Stark, and flute/tuba duo Double Play.

Karaoke clients include American Cancer Society, CNN's The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer, Friends Of The National Zoo, Goddard Space Flight Center, International Spy Museum, Round House Theatre, Under Armour, US Dept. of State, US Marine Corps, and the US Supreme Court.

Orchestral, concert band, and chamber music recordings are available on the Navona Records and Verda Stelo Music labels in streaming, compact disc, and digital download formats.

Computer-based studio with an array of hardware and software musical instruments and production tools. Windows 10 64-bit

environment running Finale, Cakewalk By Bandlab, Audacity, Vienna Symphonic Library, TapSpace Virtual Drumline, and Garrigan's Personal Orchestra, Concert & Marching Band, Jazz & Big Band, and World Instruments libraries

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## Experience

### Verda Stelo Music

Composer

1983 - Present (40 years)

Rockville, Maryland

I write music. Most of it could be described as contemporary classical music but I also write music more along the lines of new age, classical crossover, electronic, world music, and frequently a blend of all of the above.

### Dave The Karaoke Guy

KJ (Karaoke DJ) & System Rentals

August 2009 - Present (14 years 5 months)

Rockville, Maryland

KJ (Karaoke DJ) and karaoke system rentals for private parties, receptions, and other events around the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area

### American Ferret Association

Director of Legal and Legislative Affairs (volunteer position)

May 2008 - December 2015 (7 years 8 months)

See description below under "Volunteer Experience & Causes"

### Surrender Friday

Keyboardist

January 2009 - November 2009 (11 months)

Former keyboardist and founding member of a Washington, D.C. area classic/modern rock cover band

[www.surrenderfriday.com](http://www.surrenderfriday.com)

### University of Maryland Global Campus (formerly University of Maryland University College)

Adjunct Associate Professor

2004 - 2006 (2 years)

Taught traditional, in-person introductory classes in ethnomusicology and the history of jazz. Assisted in the development of a non-traditional, online, distance education course based on the history of jazz class.

#### Connected Education, Inc./New School University

Adjunct Instructor

1994 - 1996 (2 years)

Developed, maintained, and taught an online, distance education course in the history of electronic music technology (the first of its kind - this was prior to the invention of the Worldwide Web).

#### Appel Farm Arts Camp

Assistant Director of Music

1993 - 1993 (less than a year)

Assisted in managing the music division of an alternative summer arts camp for children and teenagers in southern New Jersey. Arranged teacher schedules, taught electronic music and low brass, supervised music instruction, and performed with other faculty members & staff.

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## Education

#### The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University

Doctor of Musical Arts, Composition · (1992 - 1998)

#### American University

Master of Arts, Music (composition) · (1985 - 1987)

#### Northwestern University

Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Arts, Theory & Composition (BMus)/Philosophy (BA) · (1979 - 1984)

#### Rippowam High School

· (1975 - 1979)