

# GREGORY BUSH

(B.F.A., M. Music) Trumpet & Flugelhorn

## *Professor of Jazz Studies*

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## PRINCIPAL MUSIC MENTORS

Real Matthieu, Cyril Cooper, Andrew Homzy, Bobby Shew, Jan Jarczyk, Bob Brookmeyer, Kenny Wheeler

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007- Present **Professor of Music**, Vancouver Island University (V.I.U.), Nanaimo, BC  
*Jazz Improvisation & Theory, Instrumental Conducting & Pedagogy, Jazz Composition, Jazz Arranging, Music History, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Advising, Mentoring, Recruiting*
- 2003 - 2007 **Director of Jazz Studies**, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, U.S.A.  
*Jazz Ensembles, Concepts of High Brass, Concepts of Jazz, Introduction to Music, Orchestration & Arranging, Introduction to Popular Music, Trumpet Instruction, Advising, Mentoring, Recruiting*
- 1994 - 2003 **Sessional Instructor**, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario  
*Ensembles, Aural Skills, Orchestration, Brass Methods, Theory, Conducting, Trumpet Instruction, Introduction to Music, Advising, Mentoring, Recruiting*
- 1994 - 2003 **Sessional Instructor**, Mohawk College, Hamilton, Ontario  
*Jazz Theory, Arranging, Improvisation, Ensembles, Jazz History, Trumpet Instruction, Advising, Mentoring, Recruiting*
- 1993 **Artist in Residence**, Montgomery Junior High School, Calgary, Alberta
- 1992 **Freelance Clinician**, (Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, & Red Deer, Alberta)  
*Conducting Wind Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles, & Chamber groups*
- 1992 – 1993 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec  
*Conducting Combos & Jazz Materials*
- 1989 - 1992 **Instructor**, Red Deer College, Red Deer, Alberta  
*Brass, Theory, Jazz Ensembles, Advising, Mentoring, Recruiting*  
*Nominated for the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence*
- 1988 **Guest Lecturer, Performer, & Conductor**, Royal Fiji Police Concert Band, Fiji Islands
- 1987 - 1988 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta  
*Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Choir*
- 1984 - 1985 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
*Jazz Ensemble*
- 1980 -1994 **Consultant, Clinician, & Conductor**, School Districts 68, 69, 71, Nanaimo, Qualicum Beach, Comox Valley, BC, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton, ON, Calgary Public & Separate School Boards, Calgary, AB
- 1978 - Present **Private Instructor**, Calgary, AB, Montreal, PQ, Hamilton, ON, Abilene, TX  
*Brass, Trumpet, Improvisation, Arranging, Composing, Theory*

## EDUCATION & DEGREES

- 1994 M. Mus. in Jazz Performance, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec  
1987 B.F.A. in Music, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

## PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCES & FREELANCE WORK

- Performed with orchestras that accompanied Big Miller, Lee Konitz, Tommy Banks, Paul Horn, Bob Brookmeyer, Dizzy Gillespie, Bobby Shew, Jane Ira Bloom, Fred Radkje, Myron Floren, and Dennis Day
- Performances in Italy August 2015
- Montreux & Ozone Jazz Festivals, Switzerland (1985, 1989 & 1991)
- Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra
- Compact Disc Release - Greg Bush Quintet 'Cause and Effect'
- International Jazz Festivals - Calgary, Edmonton, Waterloo, Oakville (Canada) & Texas (USA)
- International Performances in Germany, Australia & Fiji Islands, Italy, Switzerland, USA
- Calgary Concert Band, Chinook Concert Band (Calgary), & Foothills Concert Band (Calgary)
- Radio Host – 'Chinook Jazz', weekly program on CKIK-FM Radio, Calgary, Alberta (1981 - 1989)
- Carnival Cruise Line (1991)
- Arranger, Composer, Instructor, Clinician, Conductor, Contractor, & Freelance Performer on Trumpet & Flugelhorn (1980 - Present)

## RECORDINGS, BROADCASTS, & INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

- 2006 - 2007 Performer - West Texas Rehab Telethon, Abilene, Texas  
1994 - 1995 Musical Director & Conductor - Banff International Television Festival, Banff, Alberta  
1989 Performer - Alcan/C.B.C. National Jazz Competition, Edmonton, Alberta  
1984 - 1985 Performer - National Public Radio, Cedar Falls, Iowa, USA  
1985 Performer - Radio & Television, Neuchatel & Montreux, Switzerland  
1981 - 1989 Radio Host & Presenter - 'Chinook Jazz' CKIK-FM 107 (Weekly hour long Radio program on a Calgary commercial radio station)  
1981 - 1984 Performer - C.B.C. Television & Radio (Calgary), CFAC Television (Calgary), & CFCN Television (Calgary)

## MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS & CONCERTS

- 2015 Musical Director, Port Theatre presentation of "Forever Young".  
2014 Concert Performer, Conductor, Arranger, & Composer - 'The Arrowsmith Big Band Presents: The Music of Greg Bush', Little Red Church, Comox, B.C.  
2014 Musical Director & Conductor - 'Man of Lamancha'  
2014 Conductor, V.I.U. Wind Ensemble  
2014 Conductor, V.I.U. Jazz Ensemble  
2012 Musical Director & Conductor - 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum'  
2010 Musical Director & Conductor - Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The H.M.S. Pinafore'  
2008- Present Music Director - Georgia Strait Big Band, Courtenay, B.C.  
2009- Present Conductor, Arrowsmith Big Band, Qualicum, B.C.  
2001- 2003 Founder & Musical Director - Hamilton Youth Jazz Orchestra, Hamilton, Ontario  
2000- 2001 Conductor & Musical Director - Hamilton Senior All Star Jazz Band, Hamilton, Ontario  
1995 -1999 Conductor & Musical Director - Hamilton Concert Band, Hamilton, Ontario

**ARRANGING & COMPOSING**

- V.I.U. Wind Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble, Jazz Ensembles
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Honors Jazz Orchestra, 2015
- Kwalicum High School Jazz Ensemble, Qualicum, B.C.
- The Nanaimo Musicians' Association Big Band, The Arrowsmith Big Band, & The Georgia Straight Big Band (2007 - Present)
- Abilene Christian University Annual Sing Song Show (2004 - 2007)
- Abilene Christian University Jazz Big Band & Jazz Combos and Brass Ensembles
- Sacred Jazz Festival, Dallas, Texas (2007)
- Greg Bush Quintet 'Cause and Effect' CD
- Mohawk College & McMaster University Jazz Ensembles( 1994 – 2003)
- Banff International Television Festival (1994 – 1995)
- Radio and Television Music - Calgary
- Canadian Military Band (P.P.C.L.I. Calgary)
- Royal Fiji Police Band, Fiji Islands
- Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show, Calgary, Alberta
- Greg Bush Big Band
- Calgary, Edmonton and Waterloo International Jazz Festivals in Canada,
- Texas International Jazz Festival in the U.S.A
- Montreux & Ozone Jazz Festivals in Switzerland

**ADJUDICATION**

2015	B.C. Interior Jazz Festival, Kelowna, BC
2011	The Chilliwack Lions Club Music & Dance Festival
2009- 2012	Nanaimo Middle School Band Festival
2006 - 2007	T.A.P.P.S (Texas Association of Private Parochial Schools)
2005 - 2007	Tarleton University Jazz Festival, Stephenville, Texas
2001	Jazz Works 2001, Edmonton, Alberta
1998	Kiwanis Festival, Hamilton, Ontario
1998	MusicFest Canada, St. Catharines, Ontario
1996 - 1997	Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Middle School Festival, Hamilton, Ontario
1995	Northern Ontario Band Festival, Sudbury, Ontario
1995	Mohawk College Jazz Festival, Hamilton, Ontario
1991 - 1992	Red Deer College Band Festival, Red Deer Alberta

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2015 **Presenter**, V.I.U. English Department Colloquium Series: A Journey in Jazz:  
From Inspiration to Performance
- 2013 **Founder**, Gregory Bush Trumpet Scholarship
- 2012 **Chair**, V.I.U. Music Department Redevelopment Committee
- 2012 **Founder**, V.I.U. Student Jazz Trumpet Competition
- 2011 - Present **Senator**, V.I.U. Senate, Representing the Faculty of Arts & Humanities
- 2011 - Present **Member**, V.I.U. Senate Planning and Priorities Committee
- 2011 - 2015 **Senate Representative**, Arts and Humanities Faculty Council
- 2012 **Fund Raising Coordinator**, V.I.U. Music Department
- 2010 - 2011 **Coordinator**, V.I.U. Student Ensemble Performance, Victoria International Jazz Festival
- 2010 - Present **Musical Director**, V.I.U. Biannual Musicals
- 2010 - Present **Co-Presenter**, V.I.U. English Department Colloquium Series
- 2009 **Performer, Arranger, & Composer**, Arrowsmith Big Band Concert, Malaspina Theatre
- 2008 - 2012 **Chair**, V.I.U. Music Department Concert & Workshop Committee
- 2007- Present **Recruiter**, Prospective V.I.U. music students

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2014 Composition 'West Coasting' chosen from a Call for Scores by the Toronto Jazz Orchestra for performance at its annual concert of Big Band Music written by Canadian composers
- 2014 Half year assisted leave to compose 'the Suite Sound of Jazz' (two 45 minute suites for Large Jazz Ensemble)
- 2012 V.I.U. Travel Grant to attend 'Jazz Educators' Network Conference', Louisville, Kentucky
- 2011 V.I.U. Research & Scholarly Activity Grant to compose music for Wind Ensemble & Jazz Ensemble
- 2010 V.I.U. Research and Scholarly Activity Grant to transcribe 'Jazz Solos' for by Canadian Trumpeters (Twelve recorded improvised jazz trumpet solos by prominent Canadian jazz musicians)
- 2008 Grant to Co-present at Leeds College of Music Jazz Conference, England - 'Jazz Criticism Action Research Project: If Jazz Musicians Improvise, Why Can't Critics?'
- 2008 Representative for V.I.U. Faculty at Bahrom International Program, Seoul Women's University, Korea
- 1988 Alberta Culture Travel Grant to sponsor the 'Greg Bush Quintet' performance at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Montreux, Switzerland

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Federation of Musicians
- Vancouver Island University Faculty Association
- Jazz Education Network
- Masters of the Universe (Exclusively for Trumpeters)