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**Education:**

Millikin University, 2003  
Bachelor's of Music with emphasis in Music Business & Percussion

**Awards:**

- CD Baby's Editor's Pick & 5/5 Stars for 2009 release, *Relax Your Ears*
- Second place in the Indie International Songwriters Contest for "A-Sharp"
- *Relax Your Ears* selected by the American Tinnitus Association: [www.ata.org/store](http://www.ata.org/store)
- *Relax Your Ears* accepted by the Pandora Radio review team
- Blueman group national Finalist (New York, 2004)
- Roger Shuller Jazz Award (Millikin University, 2003)

**Recordings:**

- *Relax Your Ears* - Joel Styzens (composer, guitarist)
- *Travel and Teacups* - Heather Styka (producer, instrumentalist)
- *Law of Attraction* - 56 Hope Road (drum programming for "Too Tall")
- Radio Spot for 56 Hope Road that aired on Chicago's Q101 Radio (producer/recording engineer)

**Commercial/Film Work:**

- Film score for "Visitor" with Chicago International Film Festival winner Miguel Silveira (Nov. 2009, in production)
- 10 second open/closer sting for Check, Please TV (appeared on NBC-5 Chicago & [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second Latin sting (appeared on NBC-5 Chicago & [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second Middle Eastern sting (appeared on [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second Asian sting (appeared on [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second Italian sting (appeared on [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second Eastern European sting (appeared on [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- 30 second French sting (appeared on [checkplease.tv](http://checkplease.tv))
- Three forwards to CMH Records through A&R company, TAXI
- Jingle for Oracle Theater company
- Percussion featured on National Public Radio's All Things Considered (2008)

**Selected Live performance:**

- Various live and T.V. performances, including Fox News, with Grammy Nominated Saxophonist Frank Catalano
- Performed with Grammy-nominated trumpeter Ron Haynes (from the Lenny Kravitz band)
- Featured at the 2003 International Percussive Arts Society convention with the Millikin University Percussion Ensemble
- International Dominican Republic tour with the award winning Jazz group, One Voice (2003)
- International Dominican Republic tour with the Millikin University Wind Ensemble (2002)