

DAN MONTE

Artist | Musician | Educator

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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts — *Master of Music in Performance* (2018–2020)

Studied with Joseph Tompkins, Kyle Zerna, Javier Diaz, and Mike Truesdell

Ithaca College — *Bachelor of Music in Performance* (2014–2018)

Studied with Gordon Stout, Conrad Alexander, and Greg Evans

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Music Director & Educator — *Peace Dale Congregational Church, South Kingstown, RI* (2025–Present)

Lead worship planning, direct choirs and ensembles, and build community through music.

Campus Minister for Music and Worship — *Salve Regina University, Newport, RI* (2025–Present)

Mentor student musicians and curate inclusive worship experiences.

Part-Time Lecturer, Music — *University of Massachusetts Dartmouth* (2021–Present)

Teach applied music, jazz studies, and music fundamentals.

Freelance Performer & Composer — *New England Region* (2018–Present)

Active as percussionist and collaborative artist in orchestral, chamber, and contemporary music.

Composer for *Fall Risk: The Musical* (2020) and multiple concert works.

Recent premieres include:

- *I Long for the Moon* (2021), premiered by the Julius String Quartet
- *And He Got Away with It* (May 2025), premiered by The Ringers Brass Quintet
- *Gossip* (February 2026), premiered by The Ringers Brass Quintet

Substitute Percussionist — *Cape Symphony, Cape Cod, MA* (2024–Present)

Perform with Cape Symphony in orchestral and pops programs as needed, demonstrating versatility and professional musicianship.

SELECTED MUSIC DIRECTION

Priscilla Beach Theatre, Massasoit Community College, UMass Dartmouth, and others (2022–2025)

Bright Star, Man of La Mancha, White Christmas, Legally Blonde, Pippin, Hello, Dolly!

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Percussionist — *J2 Spotlight Theatre Co.*, Off-Broadway, NY (2020–2022)

Guest artist in new music and chamber projects throughout New England.

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Percussion Performance | Composition & Arranging | Music Direction | Music Education |
Worship Leadership | Collaboration