MARCUS MANDERSON

MUSIC COMPOSER / PRODUCER

Virginia-based composer and producer of hip hop, pop, R&B, ambient, afrobeats, funk/disco, cinematic, and sync/trailer music with sync placements on networks like Starz, MTV, BET, and Fox. Composed music for theme parks (Disneyland) and films streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Tubi, and Google Play.

EXPERIENCE

DISNEYLAND

Walt Disney
Disneyland, California
2023

- Composed custom music for theme park attraction
- Collaborated with Disney staff to bring original music to life to accompany the visuals
- Applied understanding of the Disney brand and its storytelling to create music that aligned with the experience of the attraction

HEMISPHERE

Trujillo Pictures
Independent Film
2022 - 2023

- **Composed music for the original motion picture (streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Google Play, and Tubi)**
- **Translated the director's vision and created music that enhanced the storytelling and emotional impact of the film**
- **Film has won several awards at independent film festivals**

NAMMM

Largest Sync Panel
Anaheim, CA
2023

- Organized the largest sync panel for NAMM, with 8 African American men on stage talking about sync
- Inspired industry replication: The panel's success sparked emulation by others demonstrating its impact in setting a new standard for diversity and inclusion in the sync licensing space
- Diversity Advocacy: Through this panel, actively promoted and advocated for increased representation of underrepresented groups in the sync licensing space, contributing to a more inclusive and diverse industry landscape

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

James Madison University
2002 - 2005
Music Industry, Piano

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Full Sail University
2010
Entertainment Business

SKILLS

TECHNICAL

Music Theory and Composition
Instrumentation and Arrangement
Mixing and Mastering
DAW (Logic Pro)

PERSONAL

Adaptability and Continuous Learning
Leadership and Innovation
Organization and Project Management
Problem-Solving

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