

Shawn McGowan

Short Bio

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Shawn McGowan is a multifaceted American pianist, keyboardist, and composer. Shawn's music has been described as a unique blend of jazz that's both imaginative and stimulating, yet very accessible. His 2019 debut album, *Shades*, showcases his talent for combining rich harmonies and luscious melodies with contemporary beats, creating a sound that is truly his own. Scheduled for release this year, his second album as a leader, entitled *Vista*, promises to further establish his unique musical identity. Shawn says, "I love creating new music and always strive to come up with something that's beautiful and will inspire others to be creative."

In addition to being an accomplished jazz pianist, Shawn is a skilled and versatile keyboardist who has collaborated with prominent artists across various genres. Since 2017, he has been a member of the high-energy band Party Crashers, captivating audiences across North America, Central America, and Europe. Shawn's impressive resume includes performances with GRAMMY-winning artists such as Bobby McFerrin, Darmon Meader of the New York Voices, and Janis Siegel of the Manhattan Transfer, as well as engagements with NEA Jazz Master Jamey Aebersold, country star Trace Adkins, rock legend Bret Michaels, and NBC's "The Voice" winner Josh Kaufman. In 2020, he along with the Party Crashers were invited to play an opening set at Super Bowl LIV in Miami. Shawn and the band regularly appear at premiere Las Vegas nightclubs Hakkasan, Drai's, Omnia, Club Light, Jewel, and Marquee.

Shawn has a B.A. in Jazz Studies and a Performer's Certificate from the Jacobs School of Music and a Master's degree in Jazz Studies from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. From 2015- 2016, Shawn served as the Associate Instructor of Jazz Piano for the Jacobs School of Music and as a piano instructor for the IU Young Pianists Program. With a passion for music education, Shawn is currently designing his own online school for aspiring jazz musicians that will be launching in 2024.

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