

Ami Molinelli
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EDUCATION & TRAINING

California Institute of the Arts, MFA: World Music Performance: percussion and dance, 2004
UC Berkeley: College of Natural Resources, Bachelor of Science, 1996
Dialogo Institute, Salvador Brazil, Intensive Portuguese Language Program;

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Music is First: Music Integration & Curriculum Director-
Nonprofit started in 2019 to aid underserved school music programs
Adj. Faculty, California Conservatory of Jazz – (2018) “History of Samba’ lecture
Lecturer - UC Berkeley Ollie Osher program (2021)

PERFORMANCE GROUPS & ENSEMBLES

- **Duo Violão Plus 1** –2015- current Rio de Janeiro based trio
- **Grupo Falso Baiano, 2004 – current** www.grupofalsobaino.com
- **Ami Molinelli Brazilian Jazz Collective, 2008 – current,** Brazilian and Latin jazz
- **Freelance/Recording Artist**

ACHIEVEMENTS & DISTINCTIONS

- **Gimme the Beat Documentary Interview** – *TB released on NETFLIX 2021*
- **San Francisco Arts Commission IAC Grant Recipient, 2018**
- **San Francisco Chamber Music Society Grant Recipient, 2011, 2014**
- **Int’l Community Arts Partnership (ICAP) grant recipient** (2003) original choreography & arrangement of “Samba Toque”
- **Ahmenson Grant,** (2002) “Festa do Bonfim” for design, creation and production

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Endorsee of **Latin Percussion & Rhythm Tech** Percussion
- Board Member of Arts Education Alliance of the Bay Area (2016-current)
- National Advisory Committee for Teaching Artists Guild (TAG) (2014-2016)
- Artist Advisory Board Member for Jazz in the Neighborhood (2017-current).

PUBLICATIONS

- **“Pandeiro Basics Volume 1: Brazilian Rhythms: Choro, Samba, Baião & More”**
- **“Music 1st! Music and Literacy; a preschool curriculum for HeadStart**
- **San Francisco Jazz Center “Jazz in the Middle (JIM) program workbooks**
- **“Jazz and the Orchestra,”** A curriculum guide with workbook for teachers and students, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, © 2011.

CURRENT WORKSHOPS/LECTURES/TEACHING

- **Faculty, Jazz Camp West, (2009 - current)** Percussion courses, **California Brazil Camp (2009, 2010, 2013,2016, 2019)** Pandeiro and Choro, **Cazadero Family Camp**
- **University Workshops/Clinics:** USC, Whittier, CalState LA, University of Kansas, Northern Arizona University

K-12 Education

- **Residencies: (2014- current)** San Francisco Unified School District
- **Co-Director Music is First** (early ed curriculum in music integration)
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