

## Connor Derraugh Bio

Connor Derraugh is an IMC alumni (2011 & 2012) who recently completed his University of Manitoba Jazz Performance Degree with a double major in piano and saxophone. Connor's performed at the Winnipeg Jazz Festival, the Asper Jazz Series, both the Assiniboine Park's Summer Concert and Leo Mol Jazz in the Garden Series and at various venues around Manitoba. A traumatic brain injury survivor and proud voice for the disability community, Connor recorded sax and piano parts in New York City for the soundtrack to the upcoming film, 'The Homecoming' - a movie that features actors of diverse abilities. Connor has been fortunate to study with such mentors as Janice Finlay, Walle Larsson, Craig Bailey (Ray Charles Band) and Jon Gordon on saxophone, and Glory St. Germain, Nancy Nowosad, Dave Restivo and Will Bonness on piano. For the past 4 years Connor has been the Assistant Director of the University of Manitoba's Youth Jazz Collective for high school students interested in taking jazz performance to the next level. In addition, Connor is the accompanist for the Canadian Mennonite University's Vocal Jazz program led by Helen White.

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