

Matt Falker

Kawai artist Matt Falker is a jazz and gospel pianist, vocalist, arranger and clinician. He distributes music through his own publishing company, Matfal Music, and many of Matt's vocal arrangements are also published by Sound Music Publications, Sheet Music Plus, and JW Pepper. Matfal Music also runs a series of one-day vocal jazz workshops for teachers and students called the Vocal Jazz Academy, with five scheduled 2021 locations around the United States.

Matt is on full-time faculty at MiraCosta College in Oceanside, CA, where he directs the Downbeat award-winning *Frequency* vocal jazz program and teaches theory and piano classes. He also has taught private jazz voice at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at CSU Long Beach. He is the founder and director of the Oceanside Jazz Festival, a non-competitive vocal jazz festival hosted at MiraCosta.

Matt has directed All-State Jazz Choirs in states such as Washington, Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado. Matt was one of a select group of teachers chosen as a quarter-finalist for the GRAMMY's Music Educator Award. He currently teaches piano and arranging for Jeremy Fox's "Jazz Harmony Retreat". Matt was also the musical director and baritone singer for professional vocal jazz ensemble *True North*.

Matt's most recent albums include his solo CD 'Playpen' featuring his singing, playing, and writing, and the *True North* CD 'Voyage'. In 2019, he presented a performance of his music at the International Jazz Voice Conference in Helsinki, Finland.

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