**Darius Kaufmann**

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**Professional Profile**

Multi-instrumentalist and educator presenting with his group “Journeys With Sound” interactive, multi-cultural programs for children. The programs combine music and sounds from world cultures with traditional indigenous “shamanic journeying” techniques for awareness, meditation, inner learning, and connection with the Earth. The “waking dream” process, along with the powerful vibrations of ancient instruments, allows children to access deep states of inner awareness and discovery.

**Instruments Played (Selected)**

Didjeridoo (Australia); drums, flutes, rattles (Native North America); bird flutes (South America); singing bowls (Tibet, U.S.); world flutes (China, Japan, Iran, Ireland); bagpipes (Scotland); bodhran drum (Ireland); duduk (Armenia); snake charmer (India); Gong (China); dumbek drum (Egypt)

**Teaching History**

1985-1986 NY City Board of Education, J.H.S. 210

1986-1987 Bank Street School for Children, NY

**Musical Performance History**

1994-2001 Freelance studio musician, performing world instruments on T.V., radio, films, CDs

2001-Present Performing as Journeys With Sound in schools, libraries, museums, hospitals and public performance spaces throughout the Northeastern U.S.

**Schools and Venues Performed (Selected)**

United Nations International School; The Dalton School (Visiting Artist, 2001-2004);

ABC Early Learning Center (Consultant 2016-present); Caramoor Center for the Performing Arts; Cathedral of St. John the Divine; Forest Park Bandshell; NY Hall of Science; Bruce Museum (CT);

**Studio Credits (Selected)**

Recordings:

 “Around the World and Back Again” (1996 Grammy Award nomination **-** Best Children’s CD)

 “Peaceful Journey” (pub. Barron’s Educational Series)

Radio:

 WBAI “Healthstyles”

Television:

 “Sesame Street”(2017); “The Tonight Show”; “Good Morning America”; “Conan O’Brien”

Movies:

 “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” (Sony Pictures – Academy Award for Best Foreign Film)

 “Tenderness” (starring Russell Crowe)

 “The Lost City of Z” (2017)

**Education**

1978-1981 High School of Music and Art, NY

1981-1985 Oberlin College **--** Oberlin, OH **--** B.A., Psychology

1989-1991 Aaron Copeland School of Music **--** Queens College, CUNY – B.M., flute performance