

# Justin Torzala

ux designer, composer, pianist

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## EXPERIENCE

### The Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy, Remote — *Communications & Design Intern*

JUNE 2024 - PRESENT

- Manage and update website content using WordPress, optimizing user experience and accessibility.
- Optimize the archive workflow for past magazine issues, enhancing content discoverability.
- Designed a free account landing page to increase subscriptions.

### Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago, IL — *Music Assistant*

FEBRUARY 2025

- Worked with the creative team on Grace the Musical Workshop.
- Developed and maintained a project management system to track score edits, ensuring accuracy and efficiency.
- Edited scores in Finale and prepared rehearsal materials.

### Cruisebound, inc., Remote — *Digital Content Specialist*

JANUARY 2024 - AUGUST 2024

- Managed and updated website content, ensuring accurate and engaging cruise listings.
- Optimized content management by developing spreadsheets to log reusable content across multiple cruise lines.

## EDUCATION

### DePaul University, Chicago, IL — *BM in Composition & BS in User Experience Design*

SEPTEMBER 2020 - JUNE 2025

- Minor: Graphic Design
- Performance Track: Classical Piano
- Cumulative GPA: 3.99

### New York University, New York, NY — *Non-degree*

JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2023

- NYU Steinhardt Music and Performing Arts Professions - Summer Songwriters Workshop

## SKILLS

Adobe Creative Cloud. Figma.

VSC: HTML, CSS, Javascript.

CMS: WordPress, Strapi.

Logic Pro. Finale Music

Notation. QLab.

## AWARDS

### 2024 The American Prize Finalist for

Opera/Theater/Film/Dance  
Music Division

**First Place Award** Vancouver  
Chamber Choir's Young  
Composers' Competition 2023

**First Place Award** Rachel  
Moore Choral Composition  
Competition 2019-2020

**Performance Award** DePaul  
University School of Music  
2020-2025

## CO-CURRICULAR

### Blue Demon Theatre, Chicago, IL — *Music Director/Composer*

SEPTEMBER 2020 - JUNE 2025

- *Broadway Cabaret: A Journey Through Time*
- *Two Faces (original musical)*
- *Heathers the Musical*