

Sarah Elizabeth Ake

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Education

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

Bachelor of Arts in Music – Concentration in Music Technology

2021 – 2026 (*Expected*)

- Completed all degree coursework
- Member, UAB Wind Symphony (Oboe, English Horn), 2021–2024
- Composer & Performer, Computer Music Ensemble, 2024–2025

Jefferson State Community College

2020 – 2021

Music Experience

Primary Instrument: Oboe & English Horn

Secondary Instruments: Alto Saxophone, Trombone

High School & Youth Programs

Spain Park High School, Hoover, AL

2016 – 2020

- Oboe performance and music studies
- Marching Band (Trombone), Jazz Band (Saxophone)
- Multiple compositions performed by peers and professionals

Alabama Symphony Youth Orchestra

- Member, 2013 – 2020

Selected Honors & Programs

- All-State Orchestra, 2nd Chair (2020)
 - UAB Honor Band (Multiple Years)
 - Auburn University Honor Band – First Chair, Festival Band
 - Southern Oboe Intensive (2016–2020):
 - *Summer's Dream* performed by Jim Sullivan, Russ DeLuna & Phil Ross
 - *Dragon Rage* was composed and developed with guidance.
 - Alabama Youth Symphony Orchestra (2013–2018):
 - *Famillia* composed and performed during the 2017 – 2018 season.
 - Schwob Summer Music Festival (Columbus State University):
 - *Sacred*, a trio for oboe, clarinet & bassoon, performed at participant recital.
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Work Experience

Owner & Operator – Maurka Pens

2020 – Present

- Founded and managed all aspects of the online retail business
- Oversee customer service, product listing, inventory management, and shipping logistics
- Design visual content and update the website using Photoshop and Canva.
- Skills gained:
 - Adobe Photoshop, Canva, Google Workspace
 - E-commerce platform management

- Inventory & supply chain oversight
 - Customer service and communication
 - Personnel training and management
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Skills & Technical Proficiencies

Music & Audio Production

- Composer | Performing Artist (Oboe, English Horn, Alto Saxophone)
- Music Technologist | Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) Specialist
- Proficient in Pro Tools, Sibelius, field recording, Foley, and sound design
- Music Copyist, Scorer, and Orchestrator

Multimedia & Visual Production

- Photographer | Graphic Designer | Multimedia Producer
- Tools: Adobe Photoshop, Canva, DaVinci Resolve

Office & Technical Tools

- Microsoft Office Suite | Google Workspace
- Computer music notation & editing
- General computer software proficiency