

Kathleen Buckner

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UX/UI DESIGNER

UX/UI Design + Web Design + Graphic Design + User Research & Testing

Experienced designer with a people-centered approach and a passion for creating accessible, meaningful design solutions. Innovative and purpose-driven, with expertise across UX/UI, print, and web design. Known for creative problem-solving, collaboration, and consistently delivering high-quality work in face-paced, deadline-driven environments.

COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

UX/UI Design	Website Design	Graphic Design	Print Media Design
User Research & Testing	HTML + CSS	Wordpress + CMS	Microsoft Office Suite
Adobe Creative Suite	Adaptability	Leadership	Communication

EXPERIENCE

UAH RSESC A2R + Huntsville, AL + 2022-Present

Research Associate | Graphic Design, Web Design, and UX/UI Design Lead

Conducted preliminary research interviews with 10 end users for the FAA about the use of drones in disaster response, and brought a UX/UI perspective to a traditionally engineering-driven environment

Created and managed five websites for a STEM Educational Outreach organization strengthening their digital presence and leading to new projects as the organization expanded its programming

Designed the layouts and content for six quarterly newsletters for a large program celebrating student and staff accomplishments fostering community and connection between the students in the program and the contracted company

Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to develop a complete brand system, scheduling website, and digital and printed promotional material for an initiative formed under a major research center contract

Ars Nova School of the Arts + Huntsville, AL + 2019-2024

Voice & Piano Teacher | Graphic Designer | Educational Outreach Director | Assistant Director

Taught voice and beginner piano in person, virtually, and hybrid formats, and managed a 10+ student studio, with students ranging in age from five to 60 years old

Designed the posters, programs, and social media posts for 6 productions/concerts

Gave lectures and visited schools as the Educational Outreach director to educate the community about opera and its artistic importance

Appointed Assistant Director for a major opera production in 2023; stepped into the Director role on short notice, guiding the cast and crew through final rehearsals and ensuring a successful opening despite unforeseen challenges

The Maitland Conservatory + Huntsville, AL + 2019-2023

Voice & Piano Teacher | Guided Music Instructor

Taught voice and beginner piano in person, virtually, and hybrid formats, and managed a 10+ student studio, with students ranging in age from three to 89 years old

Led a guided music class as an instructor for the conservatory at The Legacy Center, a day facility for adults with Dementia and Alzheimers, to improve the cognitive functions of the adults in the class as well as their overall quality of life

Hattiesburg Concert Association + Hattiesburg, MS + 2015-2017

Website Designer | Public Relations/Marketing Assistant

Developed and maintained the Hattiesburg Concert Association's (HCA) website on the Wix platform, improving community visibility and effectively communicating the organization's mission and programming

Created and managed digital content for FestivalSouth, optimizing website and email campaigns to promote the festival regionally and enhance audience engagement.

USM School of Music PR/Marketing Office + Hattiesburg, MS + 2015-2017

Public Relations/Marketing Assistant

Wrote press releases for the USM School of Music to highlight notable events and accomplishments, engaging the School of Music students, faculty, staff, and alumni along with online communities, increasing visibility for the school's programs and successes

Developed content for the "Monday Music Minute," a weekly email marketing campaign for the School of Music, engaging over 500 recipients with updates on events and achievements in the SoM community

Photographed 100+ music events, using exciting visuals in social media and digital content to engage the community and celebrate accomplishments across the School of Music

Managed the School of Music's Instagram presence, creating content and fostering community engagement by actively responding to comments and connecting with students, faculty, staff, and alumni

EDUCATION

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville AL - December 2025

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS - December 2018

Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance