

**William I. Averbach**

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**EXPERIENCE AND BUSINESS HISTORY****1977 - Present****Billie's Pickle Jar**

**Owner** of small pickle company making Kosher style Pickles, Pickled Green Tomatoes, and Salsas. All aspects of this business are handled by one person including product preparation, purchasing, sales, marketing, graphic design, and accounting. Fully certified by the FDA for Acidified Foods Canning.

**B.A. Music**

**Owner** of music services company which provides music for films and recording sessions, bookings for private parties, clubs and cultural events, management and publicity for bands, and educational programming for schools and other civic organizations. Clients include convention centers, nightclubs, restaurants, festivals, caterers and individuals.

**Performing Musician** - Providing music as a band leader, freelance vocalist & trumpet player, arranger, and composer in live and studio settings and presentations to school age children (K-12) and seniors.

**Music Teacher**, Private Lessons - Evaluating needs of pupil and planning lessons accordingly to include music theory, practice, and performance techniques. Substitute Teacher - Music, Band, Orchestra

**Lecturer/Teacher** - Lecturing and teaching programs and master classes on the history, performance, and theory of Eastern European folk music in secondary schools, colleges, and universities.

**Producer** - Producing concerts, festivals, and recordings for musical groups, film scores, live theatre and dance, and industrial use.

Additional experience related to this business: Grant writing, fund raising, coordinating volunteers, overseeing production technicians, marketing and advertising, print production of poster, flyers, and booklet/program, ad sales, acting as liaison between artists and technical crews.

Current Musical Groups:

Austin Klezmerim - Austin, TX

Circle of Light - Austin, TX

Bam-Jazz - Swing, Jazz, Blues - Charlotte, NC and Austin, TX

Carolina Klezmer Project - Charlotte, NC

**2004-2005**

Owner; Mama's Pizzeria, Port Aransas, Texas

Owned, managed and operated a small, full service pizzeria with 6 full time employees in a tourist area.

**1998 - 2005**

Owner; Island Bikes, Port Aransas & Rockport, Texas

Owned and operated two full service bicycle shop in tourist area with 3 employees.

**1990 - 1996**

Celebration of Jewish Arts and Culture; Executive Producer

Responsible for all aspects of the festival including business plan for investors, grant writing, marketing and advertising, print production, sales, site management, publicity, artist liaison.

**EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 1973 - 1977

Graduate Studies in Music Composition, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, 1980 -1981

National Restaurant Association Food Manager's Certification 2004

Acidified Food Certification, FDA 2008

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Austin Federation of Musicians, 1978 - Present

Member Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI), 1978 - Present

Member, Rotary Club, Port Aransas, 1996-1998  
 President, Board of Directors, Congregation Agudas Achim Men's Club, 1992 - 1993  
 Arts Commissioner, Austin Arts Commission, 1990 - 1993  
 Election Judge, Precinct 142, 1988 - 1993  
 Vice President, Board of Directors, Congregation. Agudas Achim Men's Club, Austin , TX, 1991 - 1992  
 AISD Adopt-a-School Adopter, 1989 - 1992  
 Board of Directors, Middle Earth, Unlimited, Inc., 1987 - 1988  
 Board of Directors, Austin Jazz Society, 1986 - 1988  
 Board of Directors, Art Center for the Islands, 1996 - 2005

## **AWARDS, HONORS, AND DISTINCTIONS**

1977 Peter Stone Prize for Music - Bard College  
 1981 Kent Kennan Scholarship - University of Texas at Austin  
 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
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 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences - Best Dramatic Film  
 Soundtrack "Children of the Corn"  
 1983 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 1984 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Chicago Film Festival - Best Documentary; Soundtrack, "To Be a Gymnast"  
 1985 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 1986 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Performance at July 4th Celebration - City of Boston, MA  
 Board of Directors - Austin Jazz Society  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1987 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 1988 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Brass Quintet Collection Published - Shepherd Publishing Co.  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1989 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Tuba Sonata - Eastern Brooklyn Publishing Co.  
 1990 Appointment to the Austin Arts Commission  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1992 Jewish Federation of Austin - Outstanding Volunteer Award  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1993 Touring Artist Roster (1994-1995) - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1994 Meet the Composer (commission) - Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Live Performances on KUT-FM, KOOP-FM, and Austin Community Television  
 1995 Austin City Council proclaims November 16th as Austin Klezmer Day  
 Touring Artist Roster (1996-1997) - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 1996 Jazz Composer of the Year - Clarksville Jazz Festival  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Compact Disc, East of Odessa, is published by Global Village Music  
 Appointment to Minority Artists' Special Funding Task Force, Austin Arts Commission  
 1997 Shpiel This Book published Eastern Brooklyn Publishing Co.  
 1998 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Board of Directors, Port Aransas Community Theatre  
 Board of Directors, Art Center for the Island - Port Aransas, TX  
 2000 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Board of Directors, Port Aransas Community Theatre  
 Board of Directors, Art Center for the Island - Port Aransas, TX  
 2002 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Board of Directors, Port Aransas Community Theatre  
 Board of Directors, Art Center for the Island - Port Aransas, TX  
 2004 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Board of Directors, Art Center for the Island - Port Aransas, TX  
 2005 Bessarabian BBQ Original music recorded by Klezmokum, Amsterdam, NA  
 2006 Selected Showcase Artist for Texas Commission on the Arts Presenters' Conference on the Arts  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Bubba's Waltz - The Austin Klezmerim recording  
 Low Trio - Piece for three tubas recorded

2007 Texas Commission on the Arts (mini grant) - Circle of Light project, Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Charlotte Music Awards - Featured Artist for Jazz Showcase  
 Concert SAJF - San Antonio, TX  
 Concert & Workshop - Pineywoods Fine Arts Assn. - Crockett, TX  
 Texas Commission on the Arts (mini grant) - Circle of Light project, Creative Opportunity Orchestra  
 Published in Compilation CD of Klezmer Music Around the World - Wagram Records, Paris, FR  
 2008 Grant Recipient - Regional Artist Grant - Arts and Sciences Council - NC Arts Council  
 Artist Residency to complete major composition - Wildacres Retreat – New Switzerland, NC  
 Featured Artist - South Carolina Jazz Festival – Cheraw, SC  
 Featured Performer - Savannah Jewish Food Festival - Savannah, GA  
 Touring Artist Roster - Texas Commission on the Arts  
 Published in Compilation CD of Klezmer Music “Balkan Fever” - Wagram Records, Paris, FR  
 Concert Artist (Austin Klezmerim) - Festival Hill Institute – Round Top, TX  
 FDA Certification - Acidified Foods Processing