

# MATTHEW HAWK ELDRIDGE, M.F.A.

## Teacher / Screenwriter / Author

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### Curriculum Vitae

Passionate storyteller and screenwriter with a dedicated gift for teaching a new generation of creative expressionists. Vast knowledge of film design, television, screenplays, novels, script-analysis, and acting. Vision driven, top-selling novelist with a fervor for historical fiction.

### **EDUCATION**

*Creative Writing, M.F.A.*, Full Sail University, February 2019

*Valedictorian, Screenwriting Concentration, Writing for Entertainment*

*B.S.W. in Social Work*, University of Central Florida, May 1998, *Dean's List*

*Emphasis on Youth and Youth Services*

### **CERTIFICATIONS / TRAINING**

*Teacher Certification Courses* – Florida Southern University

*Cinematic Composition for Video Production*, Eduardo Angel, Lynda.com

*Learning Screenwriting*, Mark Tapio Kines, Lynda.com

*Learning Video Production and Editing*, Rob Garrott, Lynda.com

*Working with Actors & Non-Actors*, Kelly Slagle, Lynda.com

*Creating a Short Film: Producing*, Chad Perkins, Lynda.com

*Acting & Auditioning: On Camera 1 & 2*, Catherine Dyer, Jason MacDonald, Drama Inc.

### **HONORS / AWARDS**

Advanced Achievement Award – Full Sail University

Course Director Award – The Business of Creative Writing, Full Sail University, 2019

Course Director Award – Character Development for Screenwriting (Subject Matter Expert), Full Sail University, 2018

Course Director Award – Portfolio 1 for Screenwriting (SME), Full Sail University, 2018

Native American Music Award Nomination – Independent Songwriter of the Year, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Place International Writing Competition – Fountain Ink Magazine, Dramatic Story, 2017

Mastery Scholarship, Full Sail University, 2018

Dean's List, UCF, 1998

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Literature Teacher (Substitute)*** (August 2008- January 2009)

ROCKDALE CAREER ACADEMY, Conyers, GA

- Increased learning comprehension and assisted in literature learning by implementing standard curriculum for American Literature.

***Video Production, Digital Animation, Language Arts Teacher*** (August 2002- June 2005)

WEST PORT HIGH SCHOOL, Magnet School for the Arts, Ocala, FL

- Educated students in writing, producing, and editing various levels of production, from news stories to features, television, screenplays and audio by creating and implementing curriculum to enhance their understanding of the television and video production world.
- Designed and developed the educational planning for the award-winning program.
- Nominated for Rookie Teacher of the Year by producing an outstanding, award winning program and winning multiple awards at regional and state levels.

***Video Production Teacher*** (August 1998- June 2001)

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL, Orlando, FL

- Educated students in writing, producing, and editing various levels of production, from news stories to features, television, screenplays and audio production by implementing curriculum to enhance their understanding of the television and video production world.
- Designed curriculum using my knowledge of screenwriting and video production composition.

## **TELEVISION EXPERIENCE**

WRITER, PRODUCER, HOST / ***Rock-It TV*** / The Trinity Broadcast Network, JCTV.

SINGER-SONGWRITER, LIVE PERFORMER / ***Atlanta Live*** / TV57.

THE GUITAR PLAYER (Featured) / ***The Vampire Diaries*** / CW.

SOUNDMAN (featured) / ***The Game*** / BET.

STAND-IN-Ronald Reagan / ***Killing Reagan*** / National Geographic.

STAND-IN / ***Quantico*** / ABC.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN / ***Powers*** / Sony Pictures.

STAND-IN / ***Revolution*** / NBC.

STAND-IN / ***Necessary Roughness*** / Lifetime.

## **FILM EXPERIENCE**

PRINCIPAL ROLE: Lead Singer, SONGWRITER / *Boy Erased* / Focus Films.

DOUBLE-Dave Scott, OFF-CAMERA READER to Ryan Gosling / *First Man* / Warner Bros.

GUITAR PLAYER, BAND DIRECTOR / *Pitch Perfect 3* / Universal Pictures.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-John Hamm / *Baby Driver* / Universal Pictures.

SMALL CHOIR MEMBER / *A Question of Faith* / Silver Lining Entertainment.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Ed Helms / *Tag* / Universal Pictures.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Four / *Divergent Series: Insurgent* / Lionsgate.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Four / *Divergent Series: Allegiant* / Lionsgate.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Ed Helms / *Father Figures* / Warner Bros.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Finnick Odair / *The Hunger Games: Mocking Jay 2* / Lionsgate.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Finnick Odair / *The Hunger Games: Mocking Jay 1* / Lionsgate.

STAND-IN-Finnick Odair / *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* / Lionsgate.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Hayden Christiansen / *90 Minutes in Heaven* / Giving Films.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Ed Helms / *Vacation* / Warner Bros.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Jake Johnson / *Let's Be Cops* / 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox.

DOUBLE-Adam Sandler / *Blended* / 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox.

PRINCIPAL ROLE: Record Producer / *Papa* / Sang Sang Films.

STAND-IN-James Marsden / *Anchorman 2* / Paramount Pictures.

DOUBLE & STAND-IN-Jason Bateman / *Identity Thief* / Universal Pictures.

GUITAR PLAYER / *What to Expect When You're Expecting* / Lionsgate.

STAND-IN / *Prisoners* / Universal Pictures.

GUITAR PLAYER (Featured) / *The Change Up* / Universal Pictures.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***BOOKS***

Eldridge, Matthew (2016). *The Pan: Experiencing Neverland (Special Missions Fundraiser Edition)*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Novel).

Eldridge, Matthew (2015). *The Pan: Experiencing Neverland*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Novel).

Eldridge, Matthew (2014). *Whiter Than Snow*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Novel).

- Eldridge, Matthew (2013). *Finding Sheep in Unlikely Places*. Atlanta: (Non-Fiction).
- Eldridge, Matthew (2012). *Silent Night*. Atlanta: Amazon (Short Story).
- Eldridge, Matthew (2012). *The Universal Guide to Standing In for Major Motion Pictures and Television*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Non-Fiction).
- Eldridge, Matthew (2012). *Crashing into Christmas*. Atlanta: Amazon (Novella).
- Eldridge, Matthew (2011). *Flyers: Christian's Wings*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Children's Book).
- Eldridge, Matthew (2010). *Saint Nicholas, The Christmas Story*. Atlanta: Breathe Books (Novel).

## **ARTICLES**

- Eldridge, M. (2018, November 26). How to Defeat the Dreaded, Highly Feared Monster We Call Writer's Block. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/how-to-defeat-the-dreaded-highly-feared-monster-we-call-writers-block/>
- Eldridge, M. (2018, April 26). Songwriting 101 by Matthew Hawk Eldridge. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/songwriting-101-matthew-hawk-eldredge/>
- Eldridge, M. (2017, December 22). Introduction to Creative Songwriting by Matthew Hawk Eldridge. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/introduction-creative-songwriting-matthew-hawk-eldridge/>
- Eldridge, M. (2018, October 2). Creation as a Collaborative Gift! Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/creation-as-a-collaborative-gift/>
- Eldridge, M. (2018, August 1). Songwriting: Learning by Listening to The Masters. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/songwriting-learning-by-listening-to-the-masters/>
- Eldridge, M. (2018, July 16). (Writing the) Bridge of Freedom. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/writing-the-bridge-of-freedom/>
- Eldridge, M. (2018, June 1). Understanding Songwriting Structure. Almost an Author. <http://www.almostanauthor.com/understanding-songwriting-structure/>
- Eldridge, M. (2014, October 5). Living with Suicide: A Relevant Editorial. Christian Broadcast Network. <http://www1.cbn.com/biblestudy/living-with-suicide:-a-relevant-editorial>
- Eldridge, M. (2013, December 2). The Hands of Jason Bateman and the Hands of Christ. Christianity Today. <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/march-web-only/hands-of-jason-bateman-and-hands-of-christ.html>
- Eldridge, M. (2004, October 21). Introducing The Bless-me Club. Relevant Magazine. <https://relevantmagazine.com/god/church/blog/742-introducing-the-bless-me-club>
- Eldridge, M. (2004, August 10). Bleach Says Farewell. Relevant Magazine. <https://relevantmagazine.com/culture/music/features/2992-bleach-says-farewell>
- Eldridge, M. (2004, June 7). Paul's Suicide. Relevant Magazine. <https://relevantmagazine.com/life/whole-life/features/1952-pauls-suicide>

## ***MUSIC (Songwriting)***

SONG: HALLELUJAH, Breathe Publishing, for the film, *Boy Erased*. ©2017.

ALBUM: OVERCOME-Matthew Hawk, Breathe Publishing, 10 songs. Release: March 2019.

ALBUM: LOVE FALL DOWN-Matthew Hawk, Breathe Publishing, 7 songs. © 2015.

ALBUM: WIDE AWAKE-Matthew Eldridge, Ego Sum Records, 10 songs, © 2012.

ALBUM: HELPING HAITI – BENEFIT CD, Fundraiser for Haiti's earthquake victims,  
*Producer & Songwriter*. Artists and songwriters featured include members of *Casting Crowns*, *Northpoint Church*, *Passion City Church*, and *Buckhead Church*, ©2010.

ALBUM: ACOUSTIC SKETCHES-Matthew Eldridge, Breathe Publishing, 7 songs, ©2008

ALBUM: HOLY-Matthew Eldridge, 7 songs (out of print) ©2005.

ALBUM: WORSHIP IGNITION-Matthew Eldridge, 10 songs (out of print), ©2002.

ALBUM: INTO YOU-Matthew Eldridge, 10 songs (out of print), ©2001.

SONG: NEVER BE THE SAME, for the 9/11 *United Way Benefit album* with *Peter Frampton*, *Spin Doctors*, and *7 Mary 3*, ©2001.

ALBUM: OUTPOUR-Self-Titled, 4 songs (out of print), ©1997.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

***Senior Writer*** (September 2009 - September 2010)

ADZOO, McDonough, GA

- Created catchy ads for Facebook and Google to be implemented.
- Researched companies and products to develop copy, ads, and content for website creation, elearning, and online growth using SEO tactics.

***Minister of Youth and Worship*** (January 2007 – October 2008)

CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Conyers, GA

- Directed a large band of musicians by choosing songs for Sunday morning worship, arranging the musical portions, and hosting weekly practices to have a tight, polished, professional, unified band for congregational worship.
- Designed and preached weekly sermons by researching scriptures and writing sermon notes for the youth program to enhance their spiritual growth.
- Designed and produced the visual media look of the weekly service by writing, developing, and designing sermon videos, interviews, and worship backdrops.

***Jesus Film Project Assistant*** (May 1998 – August 1998)

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST, Orlando, FL

- Assisted to the needs of everyone in the department while the film was translated into over 400 languages.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### ***Missions to Native American Reservations (Forthcoming, Summer 2019)***

- Raised money via sales of my novel, *The Pan: Experiencing Neverland*, Special Edition.
- Contender guest speaker and worship leader with South Dakota Mission, IGC, to the Rose Bud (Lakota) Reservation.

### ***Heartland Hospice, Macon, GA (December 2018 – Present)***

- Play ministerial music at the bedside of those in Hospice Care.

### ***Guest Evangelist (1996 – Present)***

- Volunteer guest evangelist to a number of youth programs, schools, and churches.
- Writer of culturally relevant messages, inspiring creative expression with God's gifts.

### ***Guest Worship Leader (1994 – Present)***

- Volunteer worship leader at a number of churches, youth programs, and schools.
- Develop worship set lists, direct worship bands, and write songs as needed.

### ***Volunteer Leader, Feed the Homeless, Atlanta, GA (2007 – 2008)***

- Developed and led a team of volunteers to feed, clothe, and pray for the homeless.

### ***Musical Theatre Actor for Missional Purposes (1991-2000)***

- Performed in various dramatic plays as a lead role, memorizing lines and blocking.
- Performed ministry skits and music on the streets or in churches for outreach.

### ***Director Volunteer, Vineyard Homeless Ministry, Orlando, FL (1997 – 1999)***

- Grassroots leader of volunteers who fed, clothed, and prayed for the homeless.
- Connected restaurants and local organizations to donate food and clothes.
- Wrote and preached a life-changing, salvation-offering message, delivered weekly.

### ***Director Volunteer, Teenage Runaway Outreach, Orlando, FL (1996)***

- Developed and led a team of volunteers to feed, clothe, and pray for runaway teenagers.
- Convinced teens to return home, offered rides, or suggested them to join a teen shelter.

### ***Youth Counselor Volunteer, The Covenant House, Orlando, FL (1995-96)***

- Worked with runaway street youth to keep them off the streets.
- Counseled one-on-one and led group activities for missional purposes.

### ***Youth Counselor Volunteer, YMCA, Osceola, FL (1995-96)***

- Worked with underprivileged youth and led "self-esteem" groups.
- Counseled one-on-one and led group activities.

## **MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS**

BMI performing rights organization, 1997 – Present  
American Music Federation, 2010, 2017  
Screen Actors Guild, eligible, 2017  
East Atlanta Metro Writer's Group, 2010-2014  
Gospel Music Association, 1998

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Final Draft / Microsoft Word / Microsoft Office / Adobe Creative Cloud / Adobe Premiere /  
Adobe Photoshop / Cubase / Celtx / Final Cut Pro / Pro Tools / Facebook / Instagram / Tumblr

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Screenwriting, Creative Writing, Missions, Music: Singing, Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar,  
Bass, Keyboards, Piano, Mandolin, Banjo, Songwriting. Surfing. Skateboarding. Snowboarding.

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native)  
Spanish (intermediate)

## **WRITING SKILLS & SPECIALTIES**

Story Structure and Arc  
Three Act Structure  
Character Creation and Development  
Scriptwriting Analysis and Criticism  
World Creation  
Feature Film Screenwriting  
Episodic and Serial Television Screenwriting  
Web Series Screenwriting  
Screenwriting for Animation  
Multimedia Adaptation  
Game Writing  
Dramatic Structure  
Comedy  
Historical Cultural Interpretation  
Historical Musicals  
Non-Fiction  
Visual Storytelling  
Novels

## **AUTHOR & FILM INDUSTRY CREDITS**

IMDb: [https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4211932/?ref=fn\\_al\\_nm\\_1](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4211932/?ref=fn_al_nm_1)  
Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/author/mattheweldridge>  
Home page <http://www.matthewhawkeldridge.com>  
LinkedIn <http://linkedin.com/in/matthewhawkeldridge>