

Matt Glickstein (music) is a songwriter and composer born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawaii. He is a 2006 graduate from the University of Redlands, receiving a Bachelor of Music in Composition. As his senior project, he wrote and directed an original musical, *Freshmen Follies*. Matt is the founder and Executive Director of the Lana'i Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA) and has served as Music Director for every LAPA musical (11) since the organization was formed in 2013. He also wrote the original musicals "Island Below the Star" (2013) and "Day of Conquest: A Story of Kaululā'au (2019), which were performed by LAPA. In 2019, Matt was chosen as one of eight American dramatic educators to be honored at the Musical Theater International Junior Theater Festival with the prestigious Freddie G Fellowship award. Matt and his frequent collaborator, Jason Spraggins, are currently working on a catalog of stand-alone songs and a children's musical. They recently won the Songwriter Universe "Song of the Month Contest "with their composition "We Say Thank You."