

# Ramah Jihan Malebranche

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## Media / Education

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- Managed entrepreneurship program at META24 that micro-financed **60 youth businesses over three years**
- Worked directly with investors, founders, clients, schools and families in the Austin community including Alderman, police, NPOs, social services, and civic engagement groups
- Leader of a team which launched, MZUZI, an online store and a community focused brick-and-mortar that raised over **\$500K in program funding**.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Youth Connection Charter Schools Chicago, IL. 2017 – Present

- ◆ Manager of \$200K Media Center, in Austin, for at risk youth
- ◆ Lead Social Media Strategist for eight campuses + consulting for *GYMR (Global Youth Majority Rising) Social Network Platform*
- ◆ Teach certification courses in Audio, Video, and Social Media

### META24 Chicago, IL. 2015 – 2017

#### *Promoted to: Program Coordinator 2016*

- ◆ Integral to the renewal and management of \$2M in funding from *The Chicago Trust* amid catastrophic economic pressures
- ◆ Managed launch of a warehouse, online store, and physical store for young entrepreneurs

#### *Promoted to: Entrepreneurship Coordinator 2016*

- ◆ Streamline ineffective systems of communication and asset sharing throughout the organization with the latest toolsets
- ◆ Social Media Public Relations: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Mailchimp, and Hootsuite drove sales, brand awareness and press

### Entrepreneurship Instructor 2015

- ◆ Learning Management System Administrator
- ◆ Curriculum writer/instructor in a small business incubator

### Audio Engineering Instructor, Multiple Locations 2010 – 2015

**Taught:** Sound Synthesis, Sound Design, Audio Technology, Music Theory, Music Appreciation, Listening and Analysis

- ◆ [Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago](#), IL 2013 – 2014
- ◆ [Sound & Audio Engineering Institute - Chicago](#), IL 2012 – 2013
- ◆ [Illinois Institute of Art - Schaumburg](#), IL 2010 – 2015

## EDUCATION

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### **MFA, Interdisciplinary Arts Media**

Columbia College, Chicago IL 2005

### **Bachelor of Arts, Open Studies**

*Audio Engineering and Classical Guitar*  
SIU, Carbondale IL 2010

## SKILLS

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- Arts Integration
- Leadership role in “startup culture”
- Interdisciplinary Media Skillset
- Curriculum Design & Instruction
- Business Development

## HIGHLIGHT

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**I am a sound artist with interdisciplinary tendencies which add depth and direction to all my endeavours.**

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## BAND LEADER

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- ◆ Singer/ Songwriter within two catalogs
- ◆ Winner of 3ARTS Award: *Make A Wave*
- ◆ Three profitable independent release campaigns
- ◆ Winner of City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs CAAP Grant-Full Award
- ◆ Showcased: Chicago Tribune, WBEZ, WLWU, WXRT, WZRD, Old Town School

## SALES TRAINING

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- ◆ Victory Lap Sales Training 2017

Top salesman at Victory Lap (*Prize winner*)

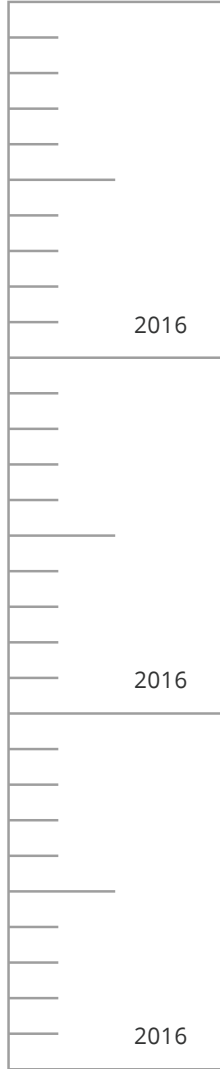


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# RJ MALEBRANCHE

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CHICAGO, IL

2016



## Fondation Reve

Dates: 12.2016  
Webdesign  
Clercine 8#1 Route de l'Aeroport, PaP, Haiti, WI  
[fondationreve.com](http://fondationreve.com)

## One Million Trees For Haiti

Dates: 11.2016  
Webdesign  
#58 Avenue Lamartiniere (Bois-Verna)  
Port-au-Prince, HT6114, WI  
[milliontreeshaiti.org](http://milliontreeshaiti.org)

## META24 Program Coordinator

Dates: 10.2016 – present  
META24 at Banner Academy West  
819 N Leamington Ave. Chicago, IL 60651  
[meta24.org](http://meta24.org)

## 3Arts Award

Dates: 10.2016  
Anonymous nomination  
\$25K no strings  
Renomination in 2017  
[3arts.org](http://3arts.org)

## Chicago Tribune

Dates: 02.2016  
Wooden Rings *Sunrise* Single  
*Wooden Rings cycling through emotions with haunting off-kilter pop*  
[chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com)

## Wooden Rings *Sunrise*

Dates: 02.2016  
Single Record Release: Written, Produced  
Self-Published  
[woodenringmusic.com](http://woodenringmusic.com)

### Formal Education

**MFA Interdisciplinary Arts Media**  
Physical Computing  
Art Installation  
Time-based Media

**BA Music Open Studies**  
Classical Guitar  
Audio Engineering

### Strengths

- Skills Aquisition
- Teaching
- Entrepreneursip
- Project Management
- Interdisciplinary Media
- Music Composition
- Audio Engineering

### Technical Skills

- Adobe Suite
- Microsoft Suite
- Apple Macintosh
- Trello Project Management
- AVID Protocols
- Apple Logic
- HTML/CSS
- MAX/MSP
- Synthesis
- Physical Computing
- Programming
- Laser Cutter
- 3D Printer

### Design Skills

- Sound Design
- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Rapid Prototyping

### Interpersonal Skills

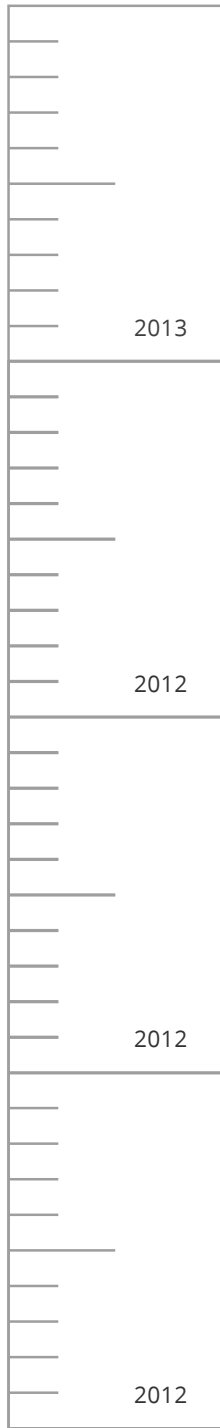
- English, French, Creole
- Public Speaking

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**Peacock Group SA**

Dates: 01.2013- 02.2013

Web Design

Angle Clercine 8 #1, Port-Au-Prince, Haïti

[peacockgroupsa.com](http://peacockgroupsa.com)

**Adjunct Professor in Audio Engineering**

Dates: 09.2012 – 01-2013

Sound and Audio Engineering Institute Chicago

Introduction to Audio

820 N.Orleans #125,Chicago, IL 60610

[usa.sae.edu/campuses/chicago](http://usa.sae.edu/campuses/chicago)

2013

**After-school Science and Sound Instructor**

Dates: 07.2012- 0.09.2012

Science of Sound

(Via) Pulaski International Elementary, Chicago

Center for Community Arts Partnerships (CCAP)

600 S Michigan Ave Chicago, IL 60605

[colum.edu/ccap](http://colum.edu/ccap)

2012

**WTTW: Chicago Tonight**

Dates: 09.2012

*Profile of Local Band Wooden Rings to perform*

*at Lakeview East Festival of the Arts*

5400 St Louis Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

[wttw.com](http://wttw.com)

2012

**WXRT Best of 2012 Award**

Wooden Rings *Wooden Rings LP*

Dates: 012.2012

180 N Stetson Ave # 1000, Chicago, IL 60601

[wxrt.cbslocal.com/show/local-anesthetic](http://wxrt.cbslocal.com/show/local-anesthetic)

**Wooden Rings *Wooden Rings LP***

Dates: 06.2012

Written, Produced, Recorded, Mixed, Mastered

Self-Published [Made a profit and sold out]

[woodenringsmusic.com](http://woodenringsmusic.com)

2012

**Community Arts Assistance Project Grant**

Dates: 06.2012

Full Award

Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special

Events + Illinois Arts Council

78 E Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602

[cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)



**Project Established: Wooden Rings**

Dates: 01.2011-11.2016

Wooden Rings is a singer-songwriter project forged by Haitian immigrant, Ramah D Jihan Malebranche in Chicago, IL. "The eerie, methodical construction of Wooden Rings' music sounds characteristically Chicago. This lush, multilayered brand of chamber pop might not be the most popular sound in town, but its roots can be found in acts who've grabbed national and international acclaim...the vision is precise and haunting in its beauty and strength." -Chicago Tribune

[woodenringsmusic.com](http://woodenringsmusic.com)



**FSG: Social Impact Consultants**

Dates: 11.2012-12.2012

Producer of a three-video series  
B2B Internal videos; "collective impact approach"  
500 Boylston Street, Suite 600  
Boston, MA 02116

[www.fsg.org](http://www.fsg.org)

**MCA**

Dates: 10.2011-11.2011

Internship: Curious Theater Branch  
Sound Design for Stage Show  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
220 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611

[mcachicago.org](http://mcachicago.org)

**World Bicycle Relief**

Dates: 06.2011-08.2011

Music Composition and Sound Design  
Annual Appeal Animation [Surpassed Goals]  
World Bicycle Relief  
1000 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL 60607

[worldbicyclerelief.org](http://worldbicyclerelief.org)

**Ipod Autopsy**

Dates: 01.2011-02.2011

Sound Design for short video  
UBM Studios  
1901 N Clybourn Ave # 300, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.ubm.com](http://www.ubm.com)

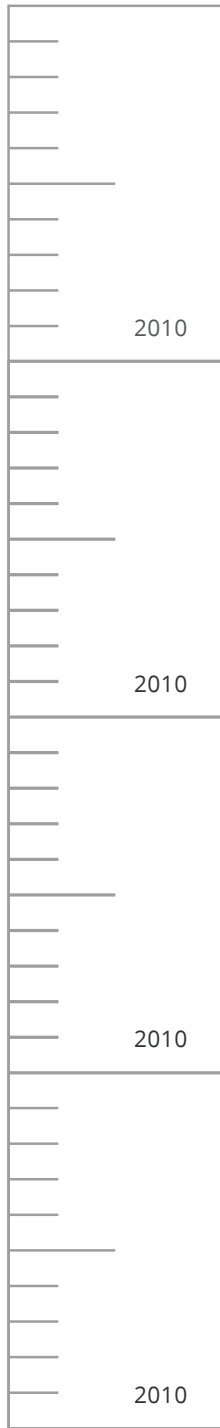
**Debris of A Prophet**

Dates: 08.2010-10.2010

Sound Design for stage play  
The Prop Theater  
3504 N. Elston, Chicago, IL 60622

[www.propthtr.org](http://www.propthtr.org)

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***Mother Tongues II***

Dates: 07.2010  
 45 minute Sound Design  
 Core Project Dance Company  
 Chicago Cultural Center  
 78 E Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602  
[cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)

**Private Instruction**

Dates: 09:2010- 01.2011  
 Guitar  
 Bass  
 Music Theory  
 Guitar Works LTD.  
 709 Main St, Evanston, IL 60202  
[www.guitarworksltd.com](http://www.guitarworksltd.com)

***Inheritance: The Inheritance of the Haitian Diaspora is One of Spoiled Promise***

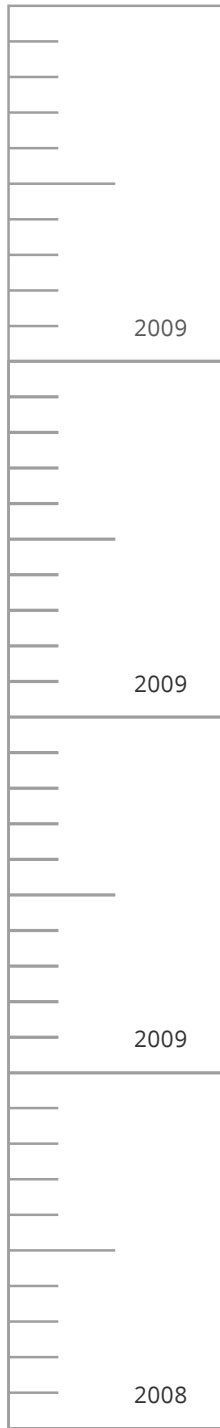
Dates: 06.2010  
 Book Publication and Thesis Exhibition  
 Columbia College (Chicago, Ill.).  
 Interdisciplinary Arts Department  
[vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-col/Record/col\\_508155/Description](http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-col/Record/col_508155/Description)

**Albert P. Weismann Award**

Dates: 01.2010  
 Full Award of Installation  
 [Construction, physical computing, computer programming, video, audio, cuisine]  
*Inheritance: The Inheritance of the Haitian Diaspora is One of Spoiled Promise*  
[weisman.colum.edu](http://weisman.colum.edu)

**Soma Electronic Music Studio**

Dates: 04.2010-06.2010  
 Internship: Audio Engineering  
 John McIntire [Gastr Del Sol, Tortoise, The Sea& Cake, Stereolab, BrightEyes]  
 2001 W Division St, Chicago, IL 60622  
[somastudios.com](http://somastudios.com)



**Adjunct Professor in Audio Department**

Dates: 01.2010 – 06.2015

Illinois Institute of Art Schaumburg

- Sound for Games and Animation
- Introduction to Music Theory
- MIDI Systems
- Sound Design
- Production Audio
- Music Appreciation
- Synthesis & Sound Design I & II

1000 Plaza Dr #100, Schaumburg, IL 60173

[artinstitutes.edu/schaumburg](http://artinstitutes.edu/schaumburg)

**IMPAKT Studios**

Dates: 11.2009

Externship: Administrative

Chris Adams

[www.impactstudio.com](http://www.impactstudio.com)

***Mother Tongues I***

Dates: 08.2009-10.2009

45-minute sound design

Core Project Dance Company

Ruth Page Dance Center

1016 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60610

[ruthpage.org](http://ruthpage.org)

***Milkweeds***

Dates: 07.2009-08.2009

Sound Design for the stage performance

Links Hall Chicago

3111 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

[linkshall.org](http://linkshall.org)

***Feeding The Moonfish***

Dates: 05.2009-07.2009

Sound Design for a stage play

Galaxie Theater Company

3117 N Clybourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

[galaxiechicago.com](http://galaxiechicago.com)

**Blam Recording & Mastering**

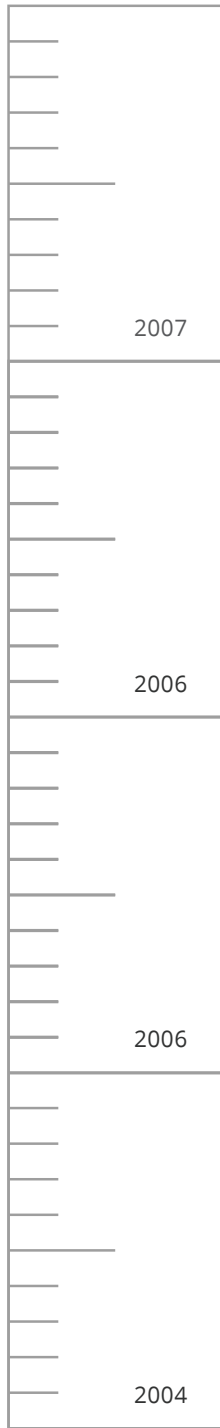
Dates: 01.2009- 04.2009

Internship: Audio Engineering with WLUW

Sean Morrison

1128 W North Shore Ave Chicago, Illinois

[blamrecording@aol.com](mailto:blamrecording@aol.com)



**C-Path Grant Coordinator**

Dates: 05.2008- 08.2008  
 Internship: Administrative + Computer Lab Tech  
 David Jude Green  
 Columbia College School of Media Arts  
 600 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605  
[colum.edu/academics/media-arts/television](http://colum.edu/academics/media-arts/television)

2007

***Near The Egress***

Dates: 10.2007  
 Sound Design for an art film by Antonio Martinez  
 Housed in the Portland Museum of Art  
[vimeo.com/27213065](http://vimeo.com/27213065)

**Full Fellowship**

Dates: 09.2007-06.2008  
 MFA Interdisciplinary Arts Media  
 Southern Illinois University  
 1263 Lincoln Dr, Carbondale, IL 62901  
[siu.edu](http://siu.edu)

2006

***Southern Illinois Healthcare***

Dates: 09.2006- 05.2007  
 Food Service Clerk  
 305 W Jackson St, Carbondale, IL 62901  
[www.sih.net](http://www.sih.net)

2006

**Delmark Records**

Dates: 07.2006-09.2006  
 Internship: Audio engineering & Communications  
 Steve Wagner and Bob Koester  
 4121 N. Rockwell Chicago IL 60618  
[delmark.com](http://delmark.com)

***Mothdust Natural Collection LP***

Dates: 05.2006  
 Written, Produced, Recorded, Mixed and Mastered  
 Self-published [Made a profit and sold out]  
[mothdustproject.bandcamp.com](http://mothdustproject.bandcamp.com)

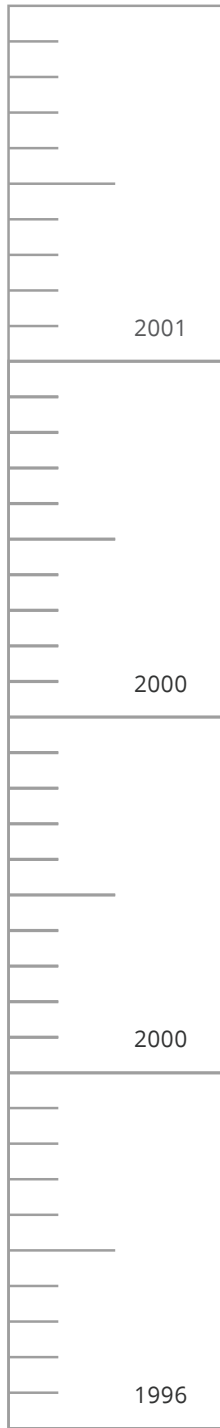
2004

**Mike's Music**

Dates: 06.2004-01.2005  
 Audio Engineer  
 816 E Main St A, Carbondale, IL 62901  
[carbondalerocks.com](http://carbondalerocks.com)

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**NPR Radio Series**

Dates: 10.2004

*In the Author's Voice*

Sound design

WSIU Public Broadcasting

1100 Lincoln Dr - Ste 1003, Carbondale, IL 6290

[wsiu.org](http://wsiu.org)

2001

**Concert & Recital Recorder**

Dates: 11.2003-04.2004

College of Liberal Arts at SIUC

Old Baptist Foundation

980 Faner Drive; Carbondale, Illinois 62901

**Concert & Recital Recorders**

Dates: 04.2001

Externship: Recording and Editing

Fine Art Building in downtown Chicago

720 Sheridan Road Chicago, IL 60613-3241

2000

**Rosebud Recordings**

Dates: 09.2001-11.2001

Internship: Audio Engineering with Sean Okeefe

3325 Main St Skokie, IL 60076

[selftitledmgmt.com/clients/SeanOKeefe.html](http://selftitledmgmt.com/clients/SeanOKeefe.html)

**Sara Lee Outlet**

Dates: 06.2000-09.2000

Sales Clerk

3760 Dempster St, Skokie, IL 60076

[saraleedesserts.com](http://saraleedesserts.com)

2000

**High Ridge YMCA**

Dates 06.1996 – 08.1996

Camp Counselor

2424 W Touhy Ave, Chicago, IL 60645

[ymcachicago.org/highridge](http://ymcachicago.org/highridge)

1996