
Experienced Music Educator & Masterclass Teacher

Lesson Planning & Curriculum Development | Effective Communication | Flexible Teaching Style

Enthusiastic music professor with real-world experience as a touring and session artist. Credited with writing and arranging for top talent; won a Grammy in 2021. Extensive background teaching both online and in-person, as well as in group and individual classroom settings. Forte in curriculum development; classes range from composition and production to ensemble and private lessons. Vast experience teaching a variety of levels and ages, from 5 years old to 40+ years old; beginner to advanced professional.

Areas of Expertise:

- Jazz Principles: Jazz Harmony, Funk, Latin, Classical and Improvisation
- Chart Writing & Transcription
- Performance (Session & Touring)
- Music Direction & Leadership
- Lesson Planning & Curriculum Development
- Recording, Mixing, Editing and Mastering
- Producing & Self-Publishing
- Composing & Arranging
- Coaching & Mentoring

Professional Experience

Azusa Pacific University – Azusa, CA

MUSIC PROFESSOR – APPLIED STRINGS & COMMERCIAL STYLES (2018 to Present)

Advanced teaching for undergraduate and graduate commercial music program – commercial styles, electric & upright bass guitar, private lessons.

Career Highlights:

- Improvisation and theory – multi-genre including popular music, jazz, rock
- Chart writing and transcriptions
- Lesson plan curation including syllabus and required reading lists to accompany private lessons
- Coaching and mentoring on writing and production of student original compositions – multi-genre
- On panel of professors for Music School juries – undergraduate and graduate students
- Faculty seat at juries for electric bass, upright bass and guitar

Masters University – Santa Clarita, CA

MUSIC PROFESSOR – COMMERCIAL MUSIC (2020 to Present)

Advanced teaching for undergraduate commercial music program – classical guitar, jazz guitar, electric bass guitar, private lessons.

Career Highlights:

- Improvisation and theory – multi-genre including popular music, jazz, rock
- Chart writing and transcriptions
- Lesson plan curation including syllabus and required reading lists to accompany private lessons

Shepherd University – Los Angeles, CA

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER & TEACHING ASSISTANT (2012 to 2017)

Taught courses focusing on jazz improvisation and jazz ensemble, Brazilian music history and rhythms.

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Career Highlights:

- Preferred and regular substitute teacher for award-winning pianist Otmaro Ruiz
- Teaching Assistant and workshop faculty for award-winning bassist Abraham Laboriel

Additional Experience

Private & Group Instruction (Ages 6 - 45) • Independent (2002 to present)

Music Instructor (Ages 12 - 17) • House of Prayer Los Angeles (2015 to 2018)

Faculty, Curriculum Development & Jazz Ensemble Lead (Ages 15 - 18) • Premier Music School (2014 to 2015)

Workshops & Masterclasses

HolyOne Music, 2016 • Musicians Workshop Facilitator – South Korea

Los Angeles City College, 2016 • Musicians Clinic with Abraham Laboriel – Los Angeles, CA

Awards, Licensed Music & Acknowledgments

Todas as Flores • Composer, producer, instrumentation • Todas as Flores on Globo Play & Streaming Channels

Latin Grammy, 2021 • Participation as Arranger & Musician • BRAZIL305, Gloria Estefan

Grand Prize Winner for Bass, 2016 • Six Strings Theory, Lee Ritenour

Education and Credentials

Master of Arts in Contemporary Music Performance *Full Scholarship* • Shepherd University – Los Angeles, CA

Post Graduate Diploma in Music Education • Faculdade Paulista de Artes – São Paulo, Brazil

Bachelor of Arts in Bass Instrumentation *Scholarship* • Faculdade Souza Lima/Berklee School of Music – São Paulo, Brazil

Technical Proficiencies: Mac & PC Systems | Microsoft Office 365 | Logic | Ableton | Protools | Sibelius | Final Cut Pro | Canvas

Languages: Portuguese (Brazilian) Native Speaker | English Fluent | Spanish Conversational

Professional Associations

Grammys & Latin Grammys Voting Member: 2016 – present

Society of Composers and Lyricists Member: 2020 – present

Notable Performances & Collaborations

Tours & Performances: Pia Toscano | Sergio Mendes | Lee Ritenour | Marcos Valle | Brian McKnight | Israel Houghton | Mateus Asato | Tiago Iorc | Jorge Drexler

Studio Recordings: Gloria Estefan | João Donato | Lee Ritenour | Abraham Laboriel | Tommy Walker