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Summary

I grew up in Miami, FL and have have been playing guitar since I was 12 years old. I was obsessed with music as a child, and guitar came very naturally to me. I started playing rock, and had a deep love of blues, like Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, and Stevie Ray Vaughan. I learned to play music from great guitarists like Jimi Hendrix, Duane Allman, and Jimmy Page, and moved into art rock like Smashing Pumpkins, Jane's Addiction and Sonic Youth. Then I went back to early Pink Floyd, and even further back, drawing influence from Miles Davis and other jazz greats. From there I was finding my own voice and playing in bands. I played gigs with bands, did coffee house sets, weddings, and recorded some albums for artists. I record at home as well. I started teaching early, and at 19 years old I taught my best friend to play bass, and then taught my wife to play bass the following year. She continues to create and play with me today. After a decade of working and playing in bands, I decided to try teaching full time. I have been teaching out of my home since 2006, and started teaching at Music and Arts in 2008. I quickly gained students and realized what a strong connection I had with children, and how at ease I felt while teaching, even with adults. I teach acoustic and electric guitar, bass guitar, ukelele, and beginner drums. I now teach 6 days a week and have a very high student retention. I teach my children as well, and I still play in bands and record at home. I teach a variety of styles, theory or no theory. I enjoy sharing my knowledge and love of music with kids and watching them take off on their own musical journey.

Education

South Miami Senior, Miami, Florida
High school, Graduated June 1996

Employment History

Music and Arts

Guitar instructor, February 2008 - Present

- I have been teaching one-on-one guitar lessons full time at the Music and Arts studio for 10 years. I hold two recitals a year, a holiday recital in December, and a summer recital in May. I teach at an afterschool program in Carrboro where I also do group lessons in the summer. I do private individual and group lessons from home as well. I have taught some students from elementary school into their senior year of

high school. I work with young children and all the way up to adult students, and some adults have been in their 70's! I teach acoustic and electric guitar, as well as bass guitar and ukulele. I also teach beginner and intermediate drums. I am able to teach all styles of music, from rock and pop to blues and jazz and classical. I will teach theory to students who want to learn, and tablature as well. I generally retain between 45-60 students at the studio.

Hobbies & Interests

I play guitar, and since I was 12 years old it has been my passion. I create, record, and play in bands. I also play drums, keys, and bass and have a home studio. I am a father of 4 children, ages 22, 9, 8, and 2. I love spending time with my family, and music is important in our home. Our children have all been raised with a love of music, there are instruments all over the home for them to play. I taught my wife of 24 years to play bass when she was 20, taught my oldest son to play guitar, and currently my 9 year old is learning to play as well. I am also teaching my daughter to play keys. I enjoy exploring the outdoors with my family, drawing influence from nature for art and music. I put my family above all things and spend most of my time surrounded in love. I also love to laugh and make my kids and students laugh as well. I have a strong connection to children through music.

Professional Skills

Guitar: Expert

Languages

English: Native

Spanish: Native