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## Regular Private Teachers

**Michael Moreno** - *Guitar*, September 2021 - May 2023

**Steve LaSpina** - *Bass (Studied the relationship of Guitar and Bass Duos)*, September 2018 - May 2020

**Paul Meyers** - *Guitar*, September 2016 - May 2018

**Craig Graham** - *Guitar*, July 2012 - September 2015

**Neal Adams** - *Guitar*, January 2007 - June 2010

## Irregular Private Teachers

**Peter Bernstein** - *Guitar*

**Pasquale Grasso** - *Guitar*

**Lage Lund** - *Guitar*

**Alex Wintz** - *Guitar*

**Peter Mazza** - *Guitar*

**Michael Thomas** - *Music Theory*

## Education

**Manhattan School of Music**, September 2021 - May 2023

Studied under Michael Moreno. Performs publicly as a member of their Center for Impact. Received the prestigious Joseph M. Smith Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year.

**William Paterson University**, August 2016 - May 2020

Attended on a Full Scholarship as part of the Honors College. Awarded the 2020 "Outstanding Jazz Performer" by the Music Department. Graduated Summa Cum Laude.

**Hudson Jazzworks**, August 2017

Studied under Armen Donelian and Marc Mommaas in a weekend-long immersive jazz workshop with other musicians from around the world.

**Ravinia's Steans Institute Program for Jazz**, June 2017

Selected by Bill Charlap and David Demsey to participate in the 2017 Program for Jazz.

**Berklee Five-Week Summer Performance Program**, July 2015 - August 2015

Attended on a partial scholarship. Completed with honors and earned college credit.

**New Jersey Performing Arts Center Brick City Jazz Orchestra**, September 2014 - May 2016

Played for private events. The orchestra also performed at Newark's Cherry Blossom Festival and the James Moody Jazz Festival with special guest Paquito D'Rivera.

**Litchfield Jazz Camp**, July 2014 - August 2014

Studied under Don Braden, Paul Bollenback, Roni Ben-Hur and Helen Sung.

**New Jersey Youth Jazz Orchestra**, September 2013 - May 2014

Directed by Dave Schumacher. We performed at private events.

**The New York Jazz Symposium at Snow College**, July 2013

Attended on a Full Scholarship.

**New Jersey Performing Arts Center Jazz for Teens Program**, February 2013 - May 2016

Included weekly guitar masterclasses led by Alex Wintz, ear training, music theory, and jazz discussions. Furthermore, I was involved in the small group ensembles, where I had the opportunity to perform professionally around the greater Newark Area. Through my attendance in the program, I had the opportunity to perform and play with jazz greats like Christian McBride, Stefon Harris, Jon Faddis, Ron Blake and Dayna Stephens.

## Awards

**Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Manhattan School of Music**, 2023

**Graduated Summa Cum Laude from William Paterson University of New Jersey**, 2020

**"Outstanding Jazz Performer"** awarded by the William Paterson University of New Jersey Department of Music, 2020

**Dean's List each semester at William Paterson University of New Jersey**, 2016-2020

**President's Education Awards Program- Outstanding Academic Excellence**, 2016

**Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Scholarship Awarded for "Best in Festival- Instrumental Music"** at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival, 2016

**New Jersey Governor's Award**, 2016

## Regular Performances

**Freelance Musician with Jazz at Lincoln Center**, August 2021-Present

**Leader of the Bass and Guitar duo at the Stone House at Sterling Ridge Restaurant and Events in Warren, NJ**, 2020-2021

**Solo Guitar Gig at Cara Mia in Millburn, NJ**, 2020

**Member of the Andrew Wagner Group at the Flatiron Room in Midtown NYC**, 2020

**Member of the Rise Ozkan Group at the Antique Garage in SoHo NYC, 2019-2020**

**Member of the Bar Next Door's "Emerging Artist Series" at La Lanterna Di Vittorio in Greenwich Village NYC, 2017-2020**

Lead trios with various instrumentations including:

- guitar, bass and drums
- guitar, horn and bass
- 2 guitars and bass

**Leader of the Bass and Guitar duo at Fresco da Franco in Montclair, NJ, 2016-2018**

**Freelance Musician with New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 2014-Present**

## **Irregular Performances**

**Substitute Guitarist for Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, April 2024-Present**

**Guitarist for Manhattan School of Music's "Center for Impact" Program, August 2022-Present**

**Member of the Max Bessesen Trio at Sugar Monk NYC, 2021-2022**

**Member of the Mark Gross Quartet as part of the New Brunswick Jazz Project, August 2019**

**Member of the Rise Ozkan Group at the Standard Hotel in Chelsea NYC, October 2019**

**Freelance Musician with Jazz House Kids, August 2017**

**Other Venues Include:**

- The Shrine, NYC
- Silvana, NYC
- Fine and Rare, NYC
- City Winery, NYC
- The Harlem Flophouse, NYC
- Coffee Mill Roasters, NJ

## **Teaching Experience**

**Renaissance Youth Center, July 2024-Present**

Provides music education to public schools in the Bronx, NYC. The curriculum involves music theory while being a performance-based model. Teaches 3rd through 12th grade.

**William Paterson Summer Jazz Workshop, July 2023-Present**

Gives private lessons to guitar students. Provides daily masterclasses on jazz improvisation and music theory, and leads a jazz ensemble. On faculty with Timothy Newman, Steve LaSpina, Kelly Green, Marcus McLaurine and Jon Di Fiore.

**Music to Your Home,** March 2023-Present  
Teaches Guitar, Piano and Ukulele.

**Virtu.Academy,** July 2022-Present  
Teaches Guitar and Ukulele.

**Home Sweet Home Music Lessons,** June 2019-Present  
Teaches Guitar, Piano and Ukulele.

**The Music Gallery,** October 2018-May 2019  
Taught Guitar and Piano.

**New Jersey Performing Arts Center,** July 2018-Present  
Substitute teacher: Teaches ear training and music theory classes, leads guitar masterclasses and jazz ensembles for their Jazz for Teens program. Also main guitar instructor/ensemble director for their All-Female Jazz Residency in 2018.

**Park Conservatory,** August 2017-April 2018  
Taught Guitar and Piano.