

David Collins

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EXPERIENCE

Memphis Music Academy, — *Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Piano, Drumset Instructor*

Taught all ages and prepared students for recitals, college auditions, etc.
Jan 2017 - Mar 2025

Professional Musician, — *Performer/Arranger/Composer*

Jan 2007 - PRESENT

Booking and promotion; band-leader; drums, guitar, keys, bass

Highlights include tours, festivals, hosting/performing at multiple longstanding residencies such as a jazz jam at the Cove (Feb 2017-Mar 2025), and hosting an original sci-fi/ambient show on WYXR (May 2022-Mar 2025)

Freelance Sound Engineer, — *Live Sound*

Worked at venues such as B-Side, Lamplighter, The Cove

June 2021 - Present.

Lausanne Collegiate School, — *Guitar, Piano, and Ukulele Instructor*

Taught students grades pre-k through 8th and prepared them for recitals, and school musicals

2022 - 2023

Arlington Dance Arts, — *Guitar and Piano Instructor*

Taught all ages and prepared students for recitals

2023-2024

EDUCATION

University of Memphis, — *B.A. in Jazz and Studio Performance*

Jan 2013 - Dec 2016

Course work in arranging, conducting, and electronic music

Performed in percussion ensemble, jazz combo, and big band

Recipient of the Jerry Lee Lewis Scholarship, Charlie Rich Scholarship, and the Hope Scholarship

Houston High School,

Class of 2010

Four years in Marching Band and Indoor Percussion; One year in Jazz Band; One year in Concert Band

Software Skills

Proficient in Ableton, Reaper, Sibelius, Excel, Photoshop

Awards & Grants

Awarded Music Export Memphis's "Ambassador Grant" (2025)

Memphis Medical District Collaborative grant to organize and perform "Frog Squad Live at High Cotton" (2022)

Acceptance of the albums *Solar System in Peabody* (Frog Squad) and *Memphis* (David Collins) into the MUSICat Sound Connection music collection at Memphis Public Library.

Commissioned by the Urban Arts Commission to write an experimental piece of music for "Revisiting" program (2019)

Memphis Medical District Collaborative grant recipient to organize "A Tribute to Memphis Jazz Live in the Park" (2019)

Volunteer Work

Drum Instructor at Shady Grove Elementary (2014)

Memphis Animal Services (2021-2025)

Host of an all original, ambient radio show on WYXR 91.7 fm Memphis (2022-2025)