

ERIC DIVITO

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Skills

Jazz and classical guitarist, composer, arranger and music educator with over 20 years experience performing locally, regionally and internationally and public school music teacher for grades PK through college.

Performance Experience

Freelance Guitarist (2003-present)

- Performances at notable live music venues such as: *The Iridium Jazz Club, Smalls Jazz Club, The 55 Bar, The Kitano, Swing 46, The Cutting Room, The Garage, Puppets Jazz Bar, Daryl's House, Maureen's Jazz Cellar, The Little Theatre, The Rex, The Resonance Cafe, GigSpace, The Jazz Room*, and more.
- Appeared at music festivals such as; *The Uptown Waterloo Jazz Festival, The Garner Arts Festival, The Bayside Food and Music Festival, The BoCoCa Arts Festival* and more.
- *Regional and international touring experience*
- Guitarist for Carnival Cruise Lines and Bateaux, NY Cruises.
- Guitarist for local community and schools theater productions.
- National and international reviews and radio airplay.

Awards

- 2024 Recipient of a \$5000 Arts Alive Grant through *ArtsWestchester*, a community partner grant to present a multipart concert and lecture series *The History and Evolution of Jazz in the 20th Century Through Performance*

Publications

- *Holiday Reharmon* (Downbeat Magazine, Dec. 2021)
- *Breathing New Life Into Familiar Tunes* (Downbeat Magazine, July, 2016)
- *Creating Chord Melody on Guitar* (Downbeat Magazine, July 2014)
- *Using Classical Guitar Techniques in the Jazz Idiom* (Downbeat Magazine, Feb. 2013)

Recordings/Reviews/Radio

- *Soothing Classical Guitar Music* (Inner Splendor Media, 2016)
- *The Second Time Around* (PJC Records, 2013)
- *Breaking the Ice* (PJC Records, 2012)
- Reviewed in Downbeat magazine and the NYC Jazz Record (Feb. 2013)
- Featured on KCSM Jazz 91 and JazzNet247 Internet radio (2016)
- Featured guest on *Being Frank*, Hudson Valley Radio podcast.

Education

SUNY New Paltz

- Certificate of Advanced Study in School District and School Building Leadership (SBL/SDL) Aug. 2025.

Aaron Copland School of Music (CUNY Queens College)

- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Jazz Performance, 2006.

The Crane School of Music (SUNY Potsdam)

- Bachelor of Music (B.M.) in classical guitar performance and music education k-12, 2004.

Teaching Experience

- High School Music Teacher at *Yonkers Montessori Academy*, Yonkers, NY. (2024 - present)
- Adjunct Lecturer of Music at *Dominican University*, Orangeberg, NY. (2019-2023)
- Elementary Band Director and Music Teacher at *Osborn Elementary School*, Rye, NY. (2017-2024)
- Elementary and Secondary Music Teacher and Band Director in NYC Dept. of Education, New York, NY. (2006-2017).