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 **Instructors/Bios**



Rene Christopher Lopez

Guitar, Beginning Bass, Mandolin and Ukulele

Rene is a professional guitarist who has been teaching students of all ages since 1988. With an educational background that includes certification from Musicians Institute (GIT), a B.M. in Performance (Commercial Music) from Cal State Los Angeles (December 2014), Rene uses his educational experience along with his professional experience to round out his approach to teaching guitar. Learning the basics to get a student up and playing in a short amount of time is then supplemented with theory, fret board harmony, sight reading and ear training to allow the student to become not just a well-rounded guitarist, but also a well-rounded musician.

In finishing his Master's degree, Rene is proficient in modern technologies such as Pro Tools, Logic, and Finale. If a student has questions regarding these modern tools of a working musician, they can be answered and thereby help the student even further down the education road. And for the novice student, Rene can help them to use the modern technology found in GarageBand.

Along with teaching, Rene also maintains a professional life playing in varied musical situations that includes Top 40 (L.A. Lyon), big band jazz, jazz/rock fusion, pit orchestras, casual, and studio sessions. It is with L.A. Lyon (www.lalyon.com) that Rene spends most of his

time playing in lounges, casinos, and bars all over the Los Angeles/Orange County areas, along with the states of Arizona and Nevada. As a member of various pit orchestras, Rene has played in over 50 musicals with 3D Theatrical, Musical Theatre West, Fullerton Civic Light Opera, International City Theatre, along with local colleges such as Saddleback and Golden West. In addition, Rene has also been involved with local high schools playing for show choirs and end of the year pop concerts.

"I like to use all my experiences on stage, along with my recollections of being a beginning guitar student to help students of all ages reach their goals in playing guitar. With a current roster of bedroom players, students with aspirations of being on stage, and college music majors, I tailor lessons to help each individual progress at their level. And with practice, there is no reason why a student (of any level) cannot reach for their goals."

Rene is available to teach all styles of guitar, beginning bass, mandolin and ukulele. Please call the studio to schedule an appointment with him.