

# MATTHEW JOHNSON

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## Professional Summary

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Dedicated music instructor bringing 7 years private teaching experience, as well as 14 years in the music industry. I strive to create a professional learning environment for students. It is my hope to instill a love for music in beginners, and to assist advanced students with achieving a firm grasp of the fundamentals of Jazz music and its history.

## Skills

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- Creative instruction style with structured course plan
- Organized and detailed
- Clear communicator of complex ideas
- Personable and Approachable
- Classical and Jazz Theory
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- Composition, Transposition, and Arranging
- Ear-Training
- Ableton Live
- Pro-Tools
- Garage Band
- Audacity
- Finale and Sibelius

## Work History

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### Private Music Instructor

**Self-Employed** – Miami, FL 11/2007 to Current

- Private music instructor for electric bass, upright bass, acoustic guitar and electric guitar.
- Prepared students for middle school, high school, and college auditions (100% success rate).
- Wrote course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments and handouts.

### Corporate Band Bass Player

**The Brass Evolution** – South and Central Florida 04/2010 to Current

- Performed at several events, weddings, and private functions throughout South Florida
- Open/closed for bands such as The Beach Boys, Kenny G, Chicago, The Rascals, and Yes.

### Freelance Musician

**Self-Employed** – South Florida, New England area 08/2003 to Current

- Performed at several events around the South Florida and the New England area.
- Performed at large venues including the American Airlines Arena and Hard Rock Seminole Casino.

### Master's Class with Dave Holland

**Personal Career Development** – Miami, FL 09/2011 to 09/2011

- Attended a Master's Class with jazz bass great Dave Holland.

### Church Musician

**Riverside Baptist Church** – Miami, FL 01/2000 to 07/2005

- Bassist for Riverside Baptist Church in Miami, FL.

## Education

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### Master of Arts: Jazz Performance

**Florida International University** - Miami Gardens, FL 2013

- Studied privately under the head of the Jazz Bass Department, Jamie Ousley.
- Admitted on full scholarship and graduated with 3.98 GPA.

### Bachelor of Arts: Professional Music

**Berklee College of Music** - Boston, MA 2008

- Graduated with Honors (Magna Cum Laude).
- Studied privately under Matthew Garrison and under Oscar Stagnaro.

### Associate of Arts: Music Performance

**Miami-Dade College** - Miami, FL 2005

- Studied privately under Matthew Bonelli and Rafael Valencia.
- Graduated with Honors (Summa Cum Laude).

## References

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- Available upon request.