

JOE BRACCIO

3319 Boca Ciega Dr. St Petersburg Fla 33710 | 727-421-1956
Braccio.joe@spcollege.edu / Braccijk@eckerd.edu

SUMMARY

Joe Braccio, guitarist and steel drummer, teaches at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg College, Pinellas County Center for the Arts, John Hopkins Communications Magnet and also briefly at Clearwater Christian college. Mr. Braccio started the curriculum for both guitar and steel drums at Perkins Elementary, John Hopkins Middle, PCCA and co-started steel drums with John Shaw at SPC. His background includes courses at Cresciani Guitar School in Rome, Siena master classes (Italy) and private study with Adam Holzman, Frank Mullins (First guitar major at Spjc), Sandy DeVito, Mike Sullivan (Eckerd College) Charlie Byrd, Professore San Felice and Jeff Linsky. He has performed with all of the above as well as Gene Bertocini-Herb Ellis-Jeff Narell-Charlie Byrd, Dave Lapio-John Shaw (Pan Magic steel drum duo) and the former Maurice Leysens (concert master for Florida Gulf coast symphony).

Mr. Braccio has over 40 years' experience with various styles of music including Rock, Classical, world music, Top 40, Jazz, R&B, Blues, Latin and chamber music. He has taught over 10,000 private students, many of whom have won awards and competitions in both the classical, jazz and rock idioms as well as being signed by major music labels including: Virgin Records, Atlantic Records, Sony and MCA. Currently he is a member of the Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra and has played in a flute-guitar duo with Barbara Prescott for 30 years. Many of his students are instructors in the Tampa bay area--as well as performers. Some of his former students include Joe Barresi (producer Tool and other famous bands), Michael Lynche (American idol finalist) Kris Hawkins (Emmy award winning Producer -studio musician for many Pop artists), Larue Nickelson (Guitar instructor USF), John Harris(Guitar instructor -Clearwater Christian college), Kyle Sokol (Rude Squad), Brandon Dyke (Guitarist) John Middleton (Bassist for Savatage and Trans-Siberian Orchestra), Joe Porter (Bassist for Maynard Ferguson/Kenny Drew), Matt Laporte (Savatage), Dave Arazmo, David James, David Whiteside (P5audio.com), Chris Wallace (guitarist Suite Caroline/Karoline Kohl/Reba McIntyre and many numerous others involved currently in the music industry. On the steel drum side he has played with Kirby Rambert, Keith Hercules, Roy Marshall (Mashee), Ray Holman, Shelley Irvine, Michael Gabriel, Loris Caines, Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra, Jeff Narell and Dave Lapio. Many of his students have gone on to careers on steel drums that include Panakolada, Mello Vibes, Bickely Rivera, Lightnin Jack, Danto, Ricardo and the duo of Jessica Renaud / Brian Scott.. Today he continues a busy and active performing career on both guitar and steel drums with his wife Lori.

PREFERRED VENDORS

Don Cesar-Museum Of Fine Arts-Hilton St Petersburg/Clearwater Beach-Honeymoon Island/Buon appetit-Sirata Beach resort. Weddingwire 5 star rating and Couples Award (2014).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1974-1976	Private lessons and classes Guitar Krochmans Music Tampa Fla.
1974-1976	Classes for Guitar Webb Jr high school recreation dept. Tampa Fla
1978-1980	Private lessons Preston's Music St Petersburg Fla.
1980-1983	Guitar Classes Tomlinson Center Spjc St Petersburg Fla.
1981-1982	Guitar classes St Jude Middle school St Petersburg Fla.
1980-1992	Private lessons Express Music Pinellas Park Fla.
1980-1984	Private lessons Seminole Music Seminole Fla.
1986-Present	Instructor Spcollege Gibbs Campus St Petersburg Fla.
1986-Present	Instructor Guitar and Steel drum classes/lessons PCCA Gibbs St Pete
1992-Present	Instructor John Hopkins Middle Magnet Guitar/Steel drums St Pete
1994-2014	Instructor Perkins Elementary Magnet Guitar/Steel drums St Pete
2008-2009	Instructor Clearwater Christian College Clearwater Fla.
2009-Present	Instructor Eckerd College Guitar St Petersburg Fla.

EDUCATION

Elementary	St Maria Goretti Verona Italy
Middle	Forrest Sherman Middle school Naples Italy
High School	Vicenza American High School Vicenza Italy and Boca Ciega High (1972)
Jr College	St Petersburg Jr college (First guitar major) 1972-1975 AA
College	Private lessons with Maestro Michael Sullivan On classical and flamenco Guitar (1975)
Music	Cresciani Music Conservatory Rome Italy (1976)
	Private studies-Adam Holzman USF (1987-1988)—Sandy Devito (Guitarist for Peter Nero-Four Seasons-Les Paul-Andy Williams) 1977-1986-Professore San Felice Cresciani Conservatory, Jeff Linsky (1983-1984). Master classes with Charlie Byrd, Chuck

Wayne, Billy Taylor, Adam Holzman, and Rodrigo Rodriguez.

Steel Drums

Clinics and lessons with Ray Holman, Jeff Narell-Andy Narell, Roy Marshall, Tom Reynolds of Tropical hammer, Shelley Irvine and Steve Lawrie of Panyard, Loris Caines of Tropiculture and Michael Gabriel from Trinidad.

Performer

College Night- SP College, Rays-Yankees National Broadcast playing the National Anthem with SPC Steel Band (2004).

Florida Orchestra (2005 & 2009) - with the Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra and Fred Johnson (an internationally acclaimed vocalist).

Tropiflora Festival- Twice yearly (2004-present).

Columbia Restaurant-Corporate Events (1980-present).

Gasparilla- Palma Ceia Country Club (2010-present).

Florida RV Show- Fairgrounds (2001-2010).

Vinoy- Poolside with Pan Magic Duo with John Shaw (1995-2005).

Republican Convention- Pan Magic Duo at the Coliseum (2007)

Romney/Ryan Convention- Solo guitar in Tampa (2011)

General Petraeus VIP Party- Solo guitar at his residence (2011).

Ferrari Corporation Showcase- Solo guitar at East Lake Woodlands

Pollo Tropical- Grand Openings at five locations (2004-2006).

Publix- Grand openings and Corporate events (1991-present).

Wedding Wire.Com- Couples Award (2014).

Junior Achievement- Innisbrook (2010-present).

City Beautification Awards- Mayor and staff, solo guitar (2006-2012).

First Night St. Pete- Guitar/flute, steel drums, Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra accompanying Michael Lynche from American Idol (2000- present).

Dr Virma Fernandez Zapulski Academic Excellence Award Ceremony- Steel drums directed by Joe Braccio for Dr. Law and staff (2013).

Grand Opening Walmart Corporation- Steel Band for Store #4690

(2011), Store #6400 (2014).

Outback Bowl- Performance at Saddlebrook (2004-present).

Palladium- Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra (2009-2010).

Super Bowl Celebration- For Pittsburg Steelers in Tampa FL with the Pan Magic Duo (2009).

All Children's Hospital- Fundraisers (2008-2010).

Dali Museum- Solo guitar for Corporate events and private parties (2002-2010).

Rock N Roll Marathon- St Pete (2013)

Selby Garden- Guitar and Steel drum concert series (2006-2009).

Pinellas Education Foundation- Solo guitar (2006-2008).

Health South- Corporate Party (2010).

Mission Aveda- Grand opening on 66th St with guitar and steel drums (2009).

Jackson Hewitt Corporation- Steel drums for Corporate event (2007).

FL Aquarium- Corporate events for Sandy McLaughlin (2005-2007).

Lockheed-Martin- SPC Steel Band for Corporate Party (2007).

FL International Museum- Guitar and steel drums (2010).

Life Path Hospice- Island Night (2007).

Tampa Bay Caribbean Carnival- Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra (2004-2006).

iTunes- Tampa Bay Steel Orchestra release and sale of first CD (2006).

Weddings for Tide the Knot LLC- Steel drums and guitar/ukulele (2012-present).

Cheers Events- National and International corporate events and parties, (2010-present).

Strictly Entertainment- Corporate and private parties, events for clients that include Tech Data, Honeywell, Raymond James, etc. (1994-present).

References

**Dr Jonathan Steele- St Petersburg College Dean of Music,
727-791-5987**

Dr Dave Manson- St Petersburg College Instructor, 727-323-2058

Dr Mark Switzer- Florida Southern and HCC , 813-454-2398

Dr Vernon Taranto- St Petersburg College Instructor, 727-341-4678

**Dr Pattye Casarow- Clearwater Christian College Music Director,
727-726-1153**

**Jeanne Reynolds- Director of Music with Pinellas County Schools,
727-588-6055**

**Michael Vasallo- Pinellas County Center for the Arts
Administrator- 727-893-5452 x 2030**

**Dr Adam Holzman- Guitar instructor at the University of Texas at
Austin, 512-632-0961**

Bruce Holzman- Guitar instructor at FSU, 850-644-6239

**John Buscarino- World famous luthier/guitar builder, 828-342-
0573**

**Bob Benedetto- World famous luthier/guitar builder, 912-663-
2068**

**Augustino Lo Prinzi- World famous luthier/guitar builder, 727-447-
2276**

**Bill Findeison- Owner of Bringe music and director of second-time
a-rounder's, 727-822-3460**

Perry Howell- Owner of Express Music, 727-798-3353

**Judge Mark McGarry- Student and played music events for him,
727-898-2873**

Alan Lloyd- Director of First Night St Pete, 727-599-7624

Jeff Donovan- Instructor at SPC, 727-386-8742

Lisa or Sue- Tide the Knot, 727-480-9005

Pat Fenda- CEO of Strictly Entertainment, 813-872-0300

Beth Clark- Manager with Cheers Events, 727-360-1881

