

Matt Knelman Private Guitar and Ukulele

When I was a kid, music was always on around the house. I remember sitting down at the dinner table with my family every night and listening to bands like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan. Music became my obsession and by the time I turned 7, I was begging my parents for a guitar instead of a Nintendo. In 1995, I began studying the guitar at the age of 7, performed my first concert at 8 (if talent shows count) and have been teaching guitar since the age of 18. I teach most styles of acoustic and electric guitar including Rock, Blues, Funk, Jazz, R&B, Country, and some Classical. Throughout my life, I have always loved performing with bands and have worked as a professional guitarist in various settings, from performing as a guitar-for-hire, to running my own music projects. In 2011, I dropped everything and moved to Boston to study at



Berklee College of Music under the tutelage of some of the world's finest music educators. There, I formed the band Grey Season with some of my fellow students, and in our five-year run, we went on to gain a significant following, awards and recognition throughout the New England area and beyond. I have played in popular music venues all across the country, at major music festivals, recorded with Grammy winning producers, and most recently I had the honor to tour with guitar prodigy Quinn Sullivan (Protégé of blues legend Buddy Guy) from 2018-2019. Beyond gigging, I have a passion for songwriting, recording, composing and arranging, and have contributed these skills to the many acts I have been in over the years.



My life as a professional musician has given me a wealth of knowledge to pass on to my students, adapt to your needs, and make our lessons more interesting, fun, and well rounded. I consider myself a musician who has been blessed to have experienced many of the dreams I had as a young musician growing up, and to have seen how hard work can pay off. Regardless of whether you want to play music professionally or just as a hobby, I am here to set you in a direction to discover the joy of guitar, and to enrich you with the life-long gift of music. I am a fun and laid-back instructor, but I also believe that if you want to meet your goals, you have to be willing to put in the work. Tell me your goals and let's get started!

My favorite music-related quote is from Beethoven,
"To play a wrong note is insignificant. To play without passion is inexcusable".