

# Alejandro Skalany



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## Objective

To engage in and explore the intimate connection between music, humans, and society

## Experience

### Professional Guitarist

2006-Present

- Performance experience with high school and college big bands, Jazz combos, and rhythm section groups.
- Performance experience with self led jazz quartet at the '11 Port Arthur Jazz Festival (Port Arthur, TX), '10 Crescent City Jazz Festival (New Orleans, LA), '10 Discovery Green Park w/ Jason Moran (Houston, TX).
- Lead Guitarist in Theatre Under the Stars' 2011 production of Disney's "Camp Rock."
- Singer/Songwriter in folk group, Harts of Oak which was nominated for "Best Folk Band" in the 2011 Houston Press Music Awards and performed at the '12 Free Press Summer Fest music festival.
- Performer and songwriter in multiple touring bands including Pope (Community Records), Donovan Wolfington (Topshelf Records), Sprawling (Out of Breath Records), and New Holland (self released, recorded, and promoted). All bands have performed with a numerous national touring acts in multiple cities in addition to national music festivals and received press in publications like SPIN, Stereogum, AVclub, and Noisy.
- Booking and performing in multiple national tours spanning the entire United States with Pope and Donovan Wolfington.

### Internship with The Parishioners (NOLA)

2014-2015

- Responsibilities included social media development and band marketing, flier and poster design with Photoshop, live video production and editing, concert booking and promotion, and payout collection.

### Private Guitar Teacher

2009-2011

- Taught Beginning to Intermediate guitar of all styles to children ages 5-14

## Education

### Bachelor of Music from Loyola University New Orleans

2012-2015

Loyola University New Orleans, a Jesuit and Catholic institution of higher education, welcomes students of diverse backgrounds and prepares them to lead meaningful lives with and for others; to pursue truth, wisdom, and virtue; and to work for a more just world. Bachelor of Music in Music Industry Studies - Performance Track

### Berklee College of Music

2011-2012

The internationally renowned music conservatory founded on the revolutionary principal that the best way to prepare students for careers in music was through the study and practice of contemporary music. Active member of the Songwriter's Club. Studied with guitarists Matthew Stevens (Christian Scott quintet), Sheryl Bailey, John Wheatley, and Mitch Seidman

### High School for the Performing and Visual Arts

2007-2011

Established in 1971, HSPVA has become a prestigious institute for young artists, musicians, and innovators. Alumni include, Jason Moran, Robert Glasper, Jamire Williams, Cory Cox, Walter Smith, Chris Dave, among others. Studied with musicians such as, Dr. J.B. Dyas, Dr. Bob Morgan, Todd Coolman, Eddie Gomez, Ben Allison, Mike Moreno, Jason Moran, Andre Hayward, Chris Dave, Cory Cox, and Corey King.

## Additional Skills and Tech

- Studio recording experience with Rock Romano of Red Shack Studio (Houston, TX) and Mike Saladis of Festival Studios (Kenner, LA)
- Experience packing, shipping, and organizing merchandise sales using PayPal and USPS/UPS
- Experience with Logic, Garageband, Reason, and home recording techniques.
- Experience with graphic design in Photoshop, basic web design, and all Microsoft Office software plus Apple equivalents