

Marie Perry

Musician & Songwriter | Music Teacher | Band Coach

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Professional Summary

Passionate and experienced Music Educator, Multi-Instrumentalist, and Band Coach with over a decade of teaching and performance experience. Skilled in fostering confidence and creativity in students of all ages through engaging, inclusive, and process-oriented learning. Adept at guiding students in both individual and group settings, helping them develop technical skills, stage presence, and collaborative musicianship.

Skills & Competencies

- **Music Education & Band Coaching** (Rock, Pop, Punk, Multi-Genre)
- **Guitar, Bass, Ukulele** (Methodology Books, Tablature, Charts, Jamming)
- **Beginner Keys & Introductory Drums** (Band Context)
- **Songwriting & Composition** (Lyrics, Melody, Chord Progressions)
- **Performance & Stage Confidence** (Solo & Group Settings)
- **Inclusive & Adaptive Teaching** (Children, Teens, Adults, Diverse Abilities, Identities, & Cultures)
- **Creative Writing & Lyric Development** (Poetry, Songwriting, Storytelling)
- **Digital & In-Person Learning Tools** (Jamboards, Digital Resources, Remote Instruction)

Professional Experience

Musician & Songwriter | Self-Employed | Toronto, ON
January 2010 – Present

- Seasoned musician, songwriter, and performer, actively playing in three bands: Mip Power Trio (guitar/vocals/songwriting), Second Wife (drums), and The Supervoids (bass).
- Self-produced and recorded two full-length albums and two EPs, with a third album currently in progress.
- Performed on multiple stages across Canada, including festivals and independent venues, and successfully planned and executed multiple West Coast tours.
- Hosted and facilitated the Parkdale Open Mic to encourage performers of all skill levels to share their art in a safe, inclusive space.
- Participated in festival songwriting workshops, engaging in discussions on the songwriting process and inspiring others to explore their own creativity.
- Developed marketing materials, websites, and promotional content to support creative projects and performances.

**Guitar Camp Instructor | Smithers Youth Guitar Camp | Smithers, BC
August 2024**

- Led an inclusive and engaging music education program for youth, focusing on band collaboration, songwriting, and live performance skills.
- Helped students develop stage presence and musical confidence in a supportive environment.
- Guided students through songwriting, arranging, and improvisation, helping them develop creative confidence and technical skills.
- Created a safe and inclusive space so students of all identities, cultures, and abilities felt encouraged and valued.

**Private Music Teacher | Firefly Music Lessons | Toronto, ON
September 2010 - June 2024**

- Provided individualized and group lessons in guitar, bass, ukulele, and beginner keys, adapting instruction to student skill levels and musical interests.
- Guided students through methodology books (e.g., Hal Leonard Series) to build a strong foundation in music theory, technique, and sight-reading, helping them progress into self-directed learning and creative exploration.
- Designed custom learning materials and digital resources for hybrid and remote lessons.
- Encouraged performance experience by preparing students for recitals, recording projects, and live shows.

**Arts & Humanities Educator | Global Education Academy | Toronto, ON
September 2016 – December 2024**

- Designed and executed Visual Arts courses aligned with Ontario Curriculum guidelines, incorporating creative writing, poetry, and songwriting as forms of artistic expression.
- Assisted students in lyric writing and storytelling, connecting music with personal and artistic growth.
- Supported portfolio preparation for students applying to creative post-secondary programs.
- Led hybrid and remote learning, leveraging digital tools to engage students.

Education & Certifications

Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in History & Political Science (With Distinction)
University of Victoria | Victoria, BC | 2008

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate
Woodsworth College, University of Toronto | Toronto, ON | 2016

Google Project Management Certification (In Progress)
Waterfall and Agile methodologies, stakeholder communication, project life-cycle