

## Michael Lyngstad – Guitar



Michael's formal music education began at MacEwan College in Edmonton where he pursued and earned a diploma in jazz guitar performance in 1997. This was followed by completing a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education at the University of Alberta in 2004, where he studied with Carl Lotsberg, who studied under such luminaries as Alice Artzt and George Sakellariou, themselves students of classical guitar legend Ida Presti.

Michael started his career as a music teacher at Visionary College – a private music studio in St. Albert Alberta. Between 2005 and 2012 he taught individual and group guitar lessons at MacEwan College in Edmonton. Since leaving Edmonton in 2012, Michael has operated his own private music instruction practice – teaching individual lessons, hosting workshops, and working with school divisions to share his knowledge and love of music with others. He currently teaches guitar, ukulele, and bass at Coran's Music Education Centre and is engaged as a music specialist with Greenstone–Superior school division working with students both individually and in the classroom at Dorion public school.

From 2001 to 2012 Michael was a member of the Rosette Guitar Duo. He and his musical partner wrote original music for two classical guitars which they performed alongside standard classical repertoire. They performed their music in masterclasses for some of the world's top classical guitarists, and released 4 recordings which received regular airplay on national CBC. The duo toured Western Canada 3 times and were featured in their own CBC live radio broadcast concert from Edmonton's Francis Winspear Centre for Music. In addition to guitar, Michael has performed on renaissance lute, electric guitar, electric and upright acoustic bass, banjo, ukulele, and guqin as a soloist and ensemble member for a variety of public and private functions.

Michael is currently pursuing Ph.D. studies in education at Lakehead University.