

Charlie Harper

Music Teacher | Instrumentalist | Composer

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Professional Summary

Dedicated music educator with **10+ years of teaching experience** instructing students of all ages in drums, bass, guitar, piano, and ensemble performance. Proven ability to build long-term student relationships, communicate musical concepts clearly, and foster discipline, creativity, and confidence. Active professional musician and composer with real-world industry experience, bringing practical musicianship and high standards into the classroom.

Teaching Experience

Lessons by Charlie Harper — *Music Instructor*

Austin & San Antonio, TX | Online
January 2015 – Present

- Provide private and group instruction to children, teens, and adults in **drums, bass, guitar, piano, music fundamentals, and ensemble playing**
- Design individualized lesson plans aligned with student goals, skill levels, and learning styles
- Maintain long-term student retention through clear communication, structure, and encouragement
- Teach both **in-person and online**, adapting curriculum for virtual learning environments

BandAid School of Music — *Drums / Bass / Guitar / Piano / Rock Band Instructor*

Austin, TX
April 2018 – March 2021

- Top-ranked instructor with consistently high student and parent satisfaction
- Taught private lessons, group classes, and **rock band ensembles**
- Led rehearsals focused on timing, collaboration, listening skills, and performance readiness
- Introduced students to recording basics and practical musicianship skills

School of Dance & Music — *Drums & Percussion Instructor*

Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, CA

November 2016 – February 2017

- Delivered in-person and online instruction to students across multiple age groups
 - Emphasized rhythm, technique, musical discipline, and confidence-building
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Professional Music Experience

Charlie Harper Music — *Contract Musician & Composer*

Self-Employed | Global

January 2005 – Present

- Professional **percussionist, bassist, songwriter, and recording artist**
- Composed and released original music while touring internationally
- Toured as a musician with **Linus Young** (signed to Island / Def Jam Records)
- Performed as direct support for artists including **Imagine Dragons, Milky Chance, BANKS, The Weeknd, Tove Lo, The 1975, and ZZ Ward**

University of Texas at Austin — *Music Producer & Executive Editor*

Austin, TX

April 2018 – March 2021

- Hired by department chair to compose original music and produce podcasts
 - Served as executive editor for *The Slavic Connexion* and *The Other Side of Campus*
 - Collaborated with executive producers to deliver polished, deadline-driven content
 - Produced episodes reaching **thousands of listeners across 90+ countries**
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Education

Berklee College of Music — Professional Bass Certificate

Austin Community College — Austin, TX

Selected Projects & Placements

- **Music Composition Placements:**
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) commercials
- National broadcast placements: *“Two Guys”* and *“Phone Personalities”*
- Video example available upon request

Additional Strengths

- Classroom management & student engagement
- Strong communication with parents and administrators
- Curriculum development & lesson planning
- Ensemble direction and performance preparation
- Recording technology & music production fundamentals