

Justin Piper

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Education

Academic Study

- New England Conservatory: Masters of Music in Jazz Performance, 2004
 - cum G.P.A. 3.97
- Berklee College of Music: B.M *Magna Cum Laude* in guitar performance, 2000
 - cum G.P.A 3.70
- Reading Memorial High School: diploma, 1994

Summer Programs

- Berklee Guitar Week; 1993
 - scholarship paid half tuition
- National Guitar Summer Workshop; 1991, 92, 93

Private Studies

- Charlie Banacos; 2001-current
- Bruce Bartlett; 1998-2000
- Joe Musella; 1997-1998
- Dan Lutz (theory, arranging); 1993-1994
- Peter Fedele; 1989-1994

Performance Experience

- **Headshaft:** guitarist, 2003-current
 - 5-piece funk/jazz band -- Boston Metropolitan, North Shore area and southern New Hampshire
 - club dates, weddings, parties, etc.
 - CD release impending, 2003
- **Smoke and Mirrors:** guitarist, 2000-current
 - 12-piece general business band -- Boston Metropolitan North Shore area and southern New Hampshire
 - club dates, weddings, parties, etc.
 - CD, *Love will Keep Us Alive*, released 2001
- **Freelance Bishops:** guitarist, 1998-2003
 - 5-piece funk/jazz band
 - 3 CDs released
 - *Blowin' in Style*, released 2002
 - *Live in the Year 2000*, released 2000

- *Freelance Bishops*, released 1998
 - sold all over the U.S.
 - sold in Italy, Germany, England, and Japan
 - two national tours
 - January and August 2001
 - tour dates included Chicago, IL; St. Louis, MO; Madison, WI; Denver and Boulder, CO; Buffalo, NY; Columbus, OH; Tulsa, OK; Little Rock, AR; and others
 - extensive Boston/Metro concerts
 - Ryles, House of Blues, Johnny D's, Harper's Ferry, Middle East, Paradise, and others
 - extensive Northeast concerts
 - New York State: New York City, Syracuse, Ithaca, Saranac Lake, Plattsburgh, Saratoga Springs, Geneva, Canton, and others
 - Vermont: Burlington, Brattleboro, and others
 - Portland, ME, and Portsmouth, NH
 - played three live radio shows on "The Jazz Oasis", WERS 88.9 Boston; 2000-2001
- **Jordan Hall**, Boston; Masters of Music recital for Chris DeChiara (percussion); 1998
- **leader of blues trios**, guitar and vocal; 1997-2000
 - bands variously named, "Driving South", "Stukka", "Necropolis"
 - Played in Boston, Boston Metropolitan area and throughout Eastern Massachusetts from Gardner to Salisbur
- **freelance/sub work**
 - solo jazz
 - weddings, bar mitzvahs
 - blues club shows
 - rock club shows
- **recorded with other bands**
 - Needleheels, 1991
 - Paradyne, 1995

Awards, Endorsements

- Endorsee of John Pearse Strings (www.jpstrings.com); 2001-current
- Outstanding Jazz Instrumentalist, All-State Jazz Band Competition, IAJE; 1994
- Outstanding Jazz Instrumentalist, Northeast District Jazz Band Competition, IAJE; 1994
- Best Guitarist, Battle Of The Bands, Reading Memorial High School; 1993

Teaching Experience

- The Music Place, North Reading, MA: private instruction 1997-current
- Home studio, Reading, MA: private instruction 1997-current
- Performance Music Center, Woburn, MA: private instruction 1996-1998