

Rod Machovec, guitar teacher

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Rod Machovec's career as a performer of the guitar spans almost three decades. In the early years he was the guitarist in the highly successful Winnipeg based band "Nuthin Pritty". In 1985 the band recorded the debut album entitled "Nuthin Pritty" with legendary producer Ralph Watts on which Rod recorded all rhythm and lead guitar parts and co-wrote most of the songs. The album still receives excellent reviews in Music magazines in Europe almost 30 years after its release.

One of Rod's earliest teachers on the guitar was Brad Roberts (member of the "Crash Test Dummies.") with whom he studied electric guitar and music theory on the guitar.

In his teens, Rod began studying classical guitar and this soon became his passion.

Within a short time, he found himself studying and performing on the classical guitar full time.

He went on to study Classical Guitar Performance with Canadian classical guitarist Norbert Kraft at the University of Toronto and later at the Aspen International Music Festival (Juilliard school of music's summer program) with Sharon Isbin. Ms. Isbin is the founder and head of the guitar department at the Juilliard school. There Rod was chosen by Ms. Isbin to perform in front of an international audience in the "Distinguished Artist Masterclass Series" in the historic "Wheeler Opera House."

Rod later furthered his study of musical interpretation with violinist Dr. Konstantin Krechler who mentored him for an intense period of time.

Rod holds an A.R.C.T. in guitar performance from the Royal Conservatory in Toronto and studied music pedagogy (the art of teaching guitar) there as well. He has been a member of the Manitoba Registered Music Teachers Association since 1996. Outside of his teaching commitments, Rod is sought after as a performer, composer, and arranger. As well, Rod adjudicates guitar classes at music festivals throughout Manitoba and is currently the Guitar Specialist on the board of the Winnipeg Music festival Association.

Since his years as a student Rod has performed for two decades in Recitals, on Radio and TV and has recorded three CD's of solo classical guitar music. Rod's most recent release is an album of Christmas music arranged for solo classical guitar over a 25 year span.

Rod also enjoys playing Jazz and world music on the side using various types of guitars.

His parents were both professional musicians who also taught their respective instruments (piano and clarinet and sax) and they guided Rod early on in the art of instruction.

Rod has been teaching guitar full time since 1989, has served on the faculty at the Manitoba Conservatory of Music and Arts and the University of Manitoba School of music's preparatory division teaching all styles of guitar. Rod currently has a busy guitar studio in River Heights, Winnipeg. His students through the years have ranged from children beginning to play guitar, adult hobbyists, to those who have trained with Rod and now are professional musicians. Through the years Rod regularly has had many students win Gold medals with the RCM exams for the highest marks in Manitoba, and place gold, silver and bronze in the Winnipeg Music Festival. But most importantly Rod's greatest passion and benchmark of success is that those who come through his studio gain a greater love and interest in the wonderful art form of music making. And that they have a very positive experience learning to play/deepening their skills on the guitar and come out with their life further enriched because of it.