

## JASON OLSON

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### EDUCATION

University of Northern Colorado  
**Master of Music (MM) – Guitar Performance** 2005

University of Northern Colorado  
**Bachelor of Music (BM) *Magna Cum Laude* – Guitar Performance** 2000

### AWARDS

Recipient of the Kevin Easley Memorial Scholarship 1997-1998-1999  
First UNC Graduate – Kevin Easley Memorial Scholarship 2000  
Dean’s List 1996-2000  
Southard Convocation Semi-finalist 1998

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Lecturer, School of Music - University of Northern Colorado, Greeley** 2015  
Graduate Lecturer appointment in the School of Music at the University of Northern Colorado.  
The appointment provides eligibility to teach graduate level courses.

**Classical Guitar Professor – University of Northern Colorado, Greeley** 2008-Present  
Applied studio professor of classical guitar at the University of Northern Colorado.  
Courses include MUS 272/473/673 private instruction, MUS 293/493 guitar performance,  
MUS 230/430/630 Classical Guitar Ensemble, and MUS 314 Guitar in the Classroom.

**Music Instructor/Performer – Self Employed** 1989-Present  
Private guitar and general music instruction for ages five to adult. Instruction includes skill development, music notation and rhythm practice, music theory, and performance. Teaching experience in virtually all styles of music including Classical, Jazz, Rock, Country, Bluegrass, Folk and others. Both a solo performer and with various groups.

**Music Teacher – Imagine Charter School, Firestone** 2007-2008  
Elementary music education. Developed syllabus and course structure for the Core Knowledge music curriculum.

**Coordinator/Lead Instructor Summer “Live Performance Camps” through Guitars Etc. Longmont, CO** 2006 – 2012  
Developed and currently coordinate six annual performance camps including creation of the curriculum and logistics. Function as the “Lead Instructor” working directly with students on performance skills and group dynamics.

**Instructor for the “Home School Guitar Class” through Guitars Etc. Longmont, CO** 2006 – 2012  
Developed and currently teach a beginning guitar course geared toward the needs of “Home School” families.

**Weld Opportunity High School**

1998

Developed and taught a beginning guitar class for high school students. As a result of my involvement with this program, and with the Easley family, this class became a beneficiary of the Kevin Easley Memorial Scholarship.

**City of Greeley, CO**

1997

Developed and taught a guitar class for the City of Greeley Community Education Program. This was the first year this class was offered, so development of the curriculum for the class was required.

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**School presentations**

2005-Present

Free community service presentations on the history of and various types of guitars. The presentations include demonstrations of different musical styles appropriate to each.

**Member of a "Guitar Trio" with Jim Bosse and Steve Waechter**

2001 - 2011

The trio has been invited to perform many concerts throughout Colorado including the 2003 "Guitars on the River" festival; music convocations at Colorado State University, Pueblo and Adams State College, Alamosa; and for the Colorado Springs Guitar Society.

**Guitars on the River**

2003

Guest performer, master class instructor, and contest judge for the 2003 Salida, CO "Guitars on the River" festival

**New Music Convocation**

2002

Guest performer at the Adams State College Alamosa, CO "New Music Convocation", with artist/composer Jim Bosse and performer Steve Waechter.

**Good Morning Colorado performance**

2002

Performed with Jim Bosse and Steve Waechter on the Colorado Springs "Good Morning Colorado" show (KRDO News 13) to promote the CD *Angel of Shavano*.

**Colorado State University, Pueblo**

2002

Guest performer and master class instructor, for a 2002 "Guitar Trio" concert with artist/composer Jim Bosse and performer Steve Waechter.

**The musicals *Evita* and *Jesus Christ Superstar***

1998 – 1999

Guitarist for the "pit" orchestra performing the musicals *Evita* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* produced by the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

**Master Classes**

1996 – 2000

Performed in master classes with artists such as: Evangelos and Lisa, Antigoni Goni, Fabio Zanon, Judicael Perroy, Jason Vieaux, Nikita Koshkin, Denis Azabagic, and Ricardo Iznaola.

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| <b>Jazz Combos</b>   | <b>1997 – 1999</b>    |
| A member of several different Jazz combos at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.   |                       |
| <b>Professional bands/ performance groups</b>  | <b>1989 – Present</b> |
| Guitarist for many professional bands and other performance groups throughout Colorado. Experiences include live performance, touring, and studio work.  |                       |
| <b>The concert version of <i>The Abduction of Figaro</i> by PDQ Bach</b>   | <b>2009</b>           |
| Doubled on Guitar and Ukulele for the Greeley Philharmonic's performance of <i>The Abduction of Figaro</i> .   |                       |
| <b>Judge for the Denver Classical Guitar Society's "2009 Solo Competition."</b>  | <b>2009</b>           |
| Served on the panel of judges for the finals of the Denver Classical Guitar Society's 2009 solo competition.   |                       |
| <b>Founding member of the re-formed "Classical Guitar Society of Northern Colorado."</b>   | <b>2009</b>           |
| Assisted in revitalizing and reorganizing the Classical Guitar Society of Northern Colorado, and am a current member.  |                       |
| <b>Professional bands/ performance groups</b>  | <b>2010 – Present</b> |
| Guitarist for the group "Last Men on Earth." This professional group performs at concerts and private events throughout Colorado and neighboring states. Events have included the "Boulder Creek Festival," Longmont's "Festival on Main," "Kool Aid Days," "MDA fundraising events," "A Woman's Work," "USA Pro Cycling Challenge," "Meeker Rodeo Days," "Taste of Colorado," and many other public and private events. |                       |
| <b>Recording project "Letters of Liberty" through the Classical Heritage Foundation.</b>   | <b>2010</b>           |
| Recorded the classical guitar part for the piece <i>Letters of Liberty</i> written and produced by composer Steve Taylor.  |                       |
| <b>Partnership with the Cheyenne Guitar Society to sponsor artist master classes</b>   | <b>2010 - Present</b> |
| Working with Russ Williams (Activities Director) of the Cheyenne Guitar Society in order to sponsor and organize master classes for UNC guitar majors with current and former GFA winners including Judicael Perroy, Martha Masters, Lynn McGrath, Johannes Moller, and Rovshan Mamedkuliev.   |                       |
| <b>Faculty Recital: Melissa Malde</b>  | <b>2011</b>           |
| Performed the Piece <i>Canciones Sefarditas</i> with Melissa Malde and James Hall.   |                       |
| <b>Prima Voce Chamber Choir concert</b>  | <b>2011</b>           |
| Performed the Jeffery Van piece <i>A Procession Winding Around Me</i> with UNC's Prima Voce chamber choir under the direction of Dr. Jill Burleson.  |                       |
| <b>Partnership with Aims Community College for UNC Guitar Ensemble concerts</b>  | <b>2011-2012</b>      |

Created a partnership with Dr. Rick Busson at Aims Community College in Greeley to do a yearly Guitar Ensemble concert and presentation of the UNC classical guitar studio.

**Alfredo Muro concert**

**2011**

Co-sponsored a concert with South American guitarist Alfredo Muro along with the Guitar Society of Northern Colorado.

**Sounds of the Season**

**2011- 2012**

Performed a concert of Christmas and holiday music as part of the Carbon Valley Regional Library's "Sounds of the Season" event.

**UNC Mexican Singing Academy**

**2012**

Worked with vocalist Juanita Ulloa to provide guitarists for the UNC Mexican Singing Academy presented by the UNC Office of Community Arts and No Boundaries.

**Member of the "Bosse/Olson" Guitar Duo with Jim Bosse**

**2012 - present**

Formed the classical guitar group "Bosse/Olson with Jim Bosse and have performed concerts in Canon City, Manitou Springs, and Brighton.

**Bosse/Olson**

**2012**

Performed at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike Concert" along with guitarist Alfredo Muro

**Bosse/Olson**

**2012**

Performed a concert of South American music at the "Armory at Brighton Cultural Center."

**Bosse/Olson**

**2012**

Performed a concert of South American music at Christ Episcopal Church in Canon City and at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Manitou Springs.

**Nicole Buetti Recital**

**2012**

Performed the Villa-Lobos *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* with Bassoonist Nicole Buetti.

**Bosse/Olson**

**2013**

Performed at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike Concert" along with guitarist Steve Waechter.

**Bosse/Olson/Waechter guitar Trio**

**2014**

Performed at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike Concert" at the Squirrel Creek Trail in the San Isabel National Forest.

**Eagle Crest Elementary Choir Concert**

**2013, 2015, 2016**

Provided musical accompaniment and coaching assistance for the Eagle Crest Elementary annual concert at Vance Brand Auditorium in Longmont CO.

**Bosse/Olson/Waechter guitar Trio**

**2015**

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Performed at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike Concert" at the Oak Creek Trail.

- Guitar recording for the opera "Falstaff."** 2015  
Recorded the guitar part for Act 2, Scene 2 of the Opera Falstaff for use in the live performances with the Greeley Philharmonic.
- Brittani Farrell Recital** 2016  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 performed three movements of Manuel de Falla's "Seite Canciones populares Espanolas" with Mezzo-Soprano Brittani Farrell.
- Attended the 2106 GFA Convention** 2016  
June 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Attended the 2016 Guitar Foundation of America convention at Metro State University.
- Bosse/Olson/Waechter guitar Trio** 2016  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Performed at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual "Hike Concert" at the Hotshot Loop trail.
- Bosse/Olson/Waechter guitar Trio** 2016  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Performed a "house concert" with guitarists Steve Waechter and Jim Bosse in Greeley, Colorado.
- Bosse/Olson/Waechter guitar Trio** 2016  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Performed a "house concert" with guitarists Steve Waechter and Jim Bosse in Wheatland, Wyoming.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- CD - *Angel of Shavano* - Boss004**  
Trio performer on the pieces "Lament for Ellen," and "Lament for Paul and John." 2001
- CD - *Fat Pappy's Worm Farm***  
Guitarist for the Funk/Rock band Fat Pappy. 2001
- Instructional text – *Guitar's Etc. Six Week "Jumpstart" Guitar Course***  
Author of the instructional text used for the six week "Jumpstart" guitar course offered through Guitars Etc., Longmont CO. 2009

## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- Blog Posts on [www.jasonolsonguitarist.com](http://www.jasonolsonguitarist.com)**

Online articles published on the website [www.jasonolsonguitarist.com](http://www.jasonolsonguitarist.com)

**2013 - present**