

"Michael Smolens is a unique teacher because he helps you develop to become a 'complete musician'. For me, this has meant encompassing areas such as more confident performance, more productive practice, and a more positive approach, in addition to the traditional technical and theoretical studies. I've been able to fill in gaps in fundamental skills while concurrently learning how to achieve the more advanced contemporary sounds I wanted to incorporate in my guitar and band playing. The ability to study vocals and arranging with Michael also adds to my versatility and value in professional situations. Most recently, I started performing standup comedy and Michael has given me very helpful coaching on speech and delivery, and provided a number of excellent resources for study.

I would highly recommend Michael to any instrumentalist or performer."

--Jerry Goldstone (pro guitarist, vocalist, arranger)