

Bio

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Objective: To gain professional experience by performing in a public venue and/or collaborating with likeminded musicians.

Personal: I am a 16 year old performer and songwriter. Acoustic Guitar is my instrument of choice. I also play Sax in the school band. I am a Junior at Cox High School in Virginia Beach, VA. I'm an "A" student. Currently I'm a Life Scout, but with my Eagle Project completed and approved, I should have Eagle status before the end of the year.

Skills: Performing - Repertoire of Acoustic Cover music ranging from Jimi Hendrix to Jack Johnson: my play list consists of approximately 4 (45 minute) sets. Writing and Recording – I have at least 10 original compositions, many with more than two instruments and vocals.

Education: Initially self-taught guitar, with the help of neighbors, friends and relatives. Then I took lessons from Lewis McGehee for about 3 years. I have also had lessons in piano, saxophone (through school), violin and hammered dulcimer. I attend Cox High School.

Experience: I spent the last two summers playing weekly professional gigs. I've played at Kokoamos, Hot Tuna. Bayside Bar & Grill, Green Parrot Grille and the Princess Anne Country Club. I've also played at numerous private parties, including local civic association summer events. In addition, I've played several benefit concerts with Lewis McGehee and BJ Liederman and also opened for Strictly Bizzness at a Sertoma function. Audiences generally numbered from 50-200 people.

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