

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 17 year old performer and songwriter. Acoustic Guitar is my instrument of choice. I also play Sax in the school band. I am a Senior 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. Four professionally engineered singles.
- 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 and maintain a 4.0+ GPA.
- Experience:** This past summer I interned as a recording engineer at the premier recording studio in Hampton Roads. I spent the last three summers playing weekly professional gigs. Venues I've played at include Abbey Road, Kokoamos, Hot Tuna. Bayside Bar & Grill and the Princess Anne Country Club among others. I also played at numerous private parties, including local civic association events and benefit concerts. I've played solely and with Lewis McGehee, Karl Werne, and BJ Liederman and also opened for Strictly Bizzness at a Sertoma Benefit. Audiences generally numbered from 50-200 people.
- Employers/References:** Woody Prettyman – Studio Center – 866-515-2111
Dr. Linda Love – Sertoma by the Bay 757 575 4555
Bill Dillon – Abbey Road – 757 748 4482
Travis Seawell – Bayside Bar - (757)-344-7863
Karen Stotlar -Bay Island Civic Assoc. - 757 496-3750
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