

SELECTED YSU GUITAR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Employment: Performance and Teaching Positions

- Nicholas Frank** (BM Performance, 2019): Guitarist for MSC Cruise-ships (full-time, 7 month position on a Mediterranean and Caribbean cruise).
- Anthony Kunovic** (MM Jazz Studies, 2017): Guitarist for the Army 1st Infantry Division Band, Fort Riley, Kansas in 2020 (full time position).
- Nicholas Jones** (BM Performance, 2017): Guitarist for the Army 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Band, Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 2019 (full time position).
- Samuel Roberts** (BM Musicology/music recording, 2013) hired as a Recording Arts Technician (full time position) by Kent State University in 2020.
- Nicholas Frank** (BM Performance, 2019) hired as adjunct instructor of jazz guitar at New York University (NYU) in 2019.
- Christopher Mrofchak** (BM Performance, 2014): Adjunct instructor at Chipola College in Marianna, Florida (2017).
- Ben Dague** (BM Education-2010, MM Performance-2014): Classical guitar instructor at Hiram College and Thiel College, Ohio (2015-2016); Faculty member at Legacy Traditional Charter School in Phoenix, Arizona (2016). [Was also offered faculty positions at Browning Public Schools in Montana and Santa Fe Public Schools in Arizona (2016)].
- Albert Troiani**: Adjunct instructor of guitar at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School-Pittsburgh (2015).
- John Anthony** (MM Jazz Studies, 2012): Faculty member at McDonald High School, Ohio (2012).
- Nathan Zunic** (BM Education, 2011): Faculty member at Saint-Rose Middle School, Youngstown, Ohio (2012).
- Robert Thorndike** (BM Music Education, 2011): Faculty member at Parma High School (2012-2015) and Euclid High School, Ohio (2015).

Graduate School Scholarships/Teaching Assistantships

- Nicholas Frank** (BM Performance, 2019) completed his Masters in Jazz Guitar Performance at NYU in 2021 where he studied with John Scofield and Adam Rogers.
- Nicholas Jones** awarded a full scholarship to pursue graduate studies at YSU (Master's in Jazz Studies, 2017).
- Michael Reardon** (BM Performance, 2016): Graduate Assistantship at Indiana University-Jacob's School of Music (Music Performance, 2016). [Was also offered a Graduate Assistantship at the University of Cincinnati-Conservatory of Music (2016)].
- Philip Monrean** (BM Performance, 2015): Graduate Assistantship at YSU (Communications and Marketing, 2015).
- Anthony Kunovic** (BM Jazz Studies, 2015): Graduate Assistantship at YSU (Master's in Jazz Studies, 2015)
- Christopher Mrofchak** (BM Performance, 2014): Graduate Assistantship at Florida State University (Music Performance, 2014). [Was also offered a Graduate Assistantship at Indiana University-Jacob's School of Music and a full scholarship at Columbus State University, Georgia]. Full scholarship to pursue DMA studies at the Florida State University College of Music (Music Performance, 2016). Completed his doctorate in 2021.
- Ben Dague** (BM Education, 2010): Graduate Assistantship at YSU (Master's in Music Performance, 2012).
- Margaret Jones** (BM Music History, 2011): Graduate Assistantship at UC Berkeley (Musicology, 2011).
- Adam Brown** (BM Performance, 2011): Graduate Assistantship at Indiana University-Jacob's School of Music (Music Performance, 2011).

Music Competition Prizes

- Christopher Mrofchak** (BM Performance, 2014): Invited to participate in the prestigious 2019 Parkening International Guitar Competition in Malibu, California.
- Shaun McCune** (BM Performance, 2019): Winner-2018 Dana School of Music concerto

competition (Concierto for Guitar by Elmer Bernstein).

-**Shaun McCune** (BM Performance, 2019): Winner-2018 YMTA (Youngstown Music Teachers' Association) performance competition.

-**Ben Dague** (MM Performance, 2014): Winner-2014 Dana School of Music concerto competition (Concierto de Aranjuez, II. Adagio by Joaquin Rodrigo).

-**Christopher Mrofchak**: 2nd prize-2014 Stroud All-Ohio Classical Guitar Competition (held at the Oberlin Conservatory).

-**Philip Monrean** (BM Performance, 2015): Winner-2013 Dana School of Music concerto competition.

-**Robert Thorndike** (BM Education, 2011): Honorable Mention-2010 Dana School of Music concerto competition; soloist with the YSU orchestra (Concierto Elegiaco, III. Finale-Toccata by Leo Brouwer).

Miscellaneous

-The **Dana Guitar Quartet** (Ben Dague, Chris Mrofchak, Phil Monrean, and Mike Reardon) performs on the nationally syndicated ABC News show 20/20 on April 26, 2014.

-The **Dana Guitar Quartet** performs at a fundraiser attended by Ed O'Neill (star of the television shows *Married with Children* and *Modern Family*) on May 17, 2014.