

John Paul Barry Bio

John Paul is a seasoned performing musician. Having played well over 1,000 shows in his lifetime, he has performed in many different groups and has toured in several different states throughout the Southeast. He is a songwriter, producer, multi-instrumentalist, performer, and music instructor. John Paul has spent his life in the pursuit of musical knowledge and training, and has gained expertise in the areas of music theory, music production, songwriting, improvisation, and performance. His many years of experience in these areas, paired with the vastly diverse amount of music he enjoys and has listened to over the years, has given him a unique style and perspective in his own writing and producing.

John Paul holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Management from the Georgia State University School of Music where his primary instrument of study was Jazz Guitar. He is currently graduating with a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Music Studies from Berklee College of Music with an emphasis on Songwriting and Music Production. After graduation, John Paul plans to start his own sync licensing business *Pocket Vibe Studios*, LLC which will consist of custom songwriting for advertising, TV/ film, and established recording artists.

John Paul's career as a music instructor spans over 10 years and has taught well over a hundred students. He currently teaches: Advanced classes in music theory, music production, improvisation, songwriting, guitar, and bass. Intermediate classes in drums, ukulele, and voice. Beginner classes in piano, mandolin, and cello. John Paul began teaching at Musicology in March of 2024.

John Paul's career highlights include:

- Guitar accompanist for contestant Sarah Mac on Season 21 of American Idol
- Songwriter / Producer/ Mixing & Mastering Engineer/ Lead Guitarist / Lead Vocalist for *Pocket Fire*. Performed hundreds of shows locally. First single "Planetarium" is available on all streaming platforms, with their next single "Pockets On Fire" set to release Sep. 5th!
- Performed in the pit band on guitar for music theater productions: Evil Dead, Gospel at Colonus, Heathers, School of Rock, and Toxic Avenger
- Lead Guitarist / Co-Writer for Atlanta-based band *Ugly Smile*. Released an album available on Spotify titled "Year 1", along with six music videos released on YouTube.
- Lead Guitarist / Co-Writer for Atlanta-based band *Johnny Rockbridge and The High Chairs*. Recorded nine demos at Tree Sound Studios in Atlanta, GA.
- Performs on guitar with the Carrollton Jazz Orchestra