



Tiernan Godel

Bassist / singer / musician / tutor

With over 20 years experience, covering most genres of contemporary popular music, Tiernan is an outstanding professional bass guitarist. Since graduating from the Guitar Institute in 1997, he has performed, recorded and collaborated with many artists and producers - Yam Who? , Hugh Padgham, Robert Strauss, Crispin J. Glover, Ben Carrigan, Micky Simmonds, NYC disco band Odyssey, Tommy Ludgate, Sarah Grace, Killer Whale, Inner Groove, and Madeleine. He performs rock, funk, soul, blues and jazz at London venues such as Bar Music Hall and The Porterhouse, as well as further afield.

Tiernan takes his ongoing professional development very seriously, and his investigations into effective studying methods inform 15 years of teaching practice. He teaches state and public school pupils, as well as private individuals and groups. A positive and enthusiastic teacher, he encourages all his students to reach their highest potential and develop sound practice routines, at the same time as taking pleasure in making music both individually and as part of a group. Under his tutelage, many of his students take the Rockscool graded exams, several subsequently graduating from Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, and Birmingham Conservatoire.

Education and Ongoing Professional development

2013 - PTLLS (Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector) in progress

2004 - 2006 Private study with Steve Lawson

1999 - 2002 Private study with Joe Hubbard

1995 - 1997 Dip H.E. Popular Music Performance. BassTech, London College Of Music

1994 - 1995 Diploma in Bass Guitar Studies. BassTech, London College Of Music

Teaching Experience

Bass Guitar Teacher

Rock School Grades, with individually tailored supporting practice material including Technique, Harmony, Theory and sight reading.

2010 - present John Lyon School; Harrow Boys School

2010 - 2012 Arts Education School

2009 - 2012 Northwood College School

2006 - 2012 Cardinal Wiseman School

Musical Director

2006 - 2007 Base1music Helping young people re-create versions of contemporary songs, for example Arctic Monkeys, Coldplay, and Free, as a vehicle for developing the communication skills and musicianship needed to work effectively in a band.

Testimonials

Teaching

Tiernan has been a Visiting Music Tutor (VMT) at The John Lyon School since the Summer term of 2010. The expectations of the school are that VMTs are punctual, reliable and experts in their chosen fields. Tiernan has met all of these expectations and is a valued member of the Music School team.

He has taught various pupils the Rock School Syllabus, teaching pupils from Debut to Grade 8. All the pupils that he has entered for these grades have passed, some with a 'Merit' or 'Distinction'.

Tiernan is a motivational teacher. He has prepared individual bass courses to suit pupils who do not wish to take graded exams. He is interested in building confidence alongside technique. He has helped with the extracurricular activities that take place within the Music School and has ensured that pupils are able and confident to play in ensembles, lunchtime concerts and the major concerts that are a feature of the schools musical calendar. I am happy recommend Tiernan for any employment he may choose to apply for.

Lewis Evans
Music Teacher, John Lyon School
Professional Bass Player

Performing

Tiernan is always a pleasure to work with. He is the most reliable musician I know and is always well prepared. As a singer-songwriter it is important to have supportive and positive musicians around you and Tiernan is just that. He always makes me feel at ease. Great feel, passion and focus!

Tommy Ludgate
Singer / songwriter
Vocal Tutor, Tech Music School

Hello Tiernan ... I've been talking you up to people about the work you've done on the last Odyssey album ... I commend and thank you for the incredible job you did. They don't come much funkier than you M'man!

Steven Collazo
Singer / songwriter, 'Odyssey'

Tiernan is a seriously great musician, and I love working with him. He has been an integral part of some of the biggest releases on ISM records so far, including the 'Legacy' album from the New York disco band Odyssey. He also featured regularly in their live shows. I look forward to making more music with him.

Andy Williams
Producer and DJ, Yam Who?
Founder and Managing Director, ISM Records

I've been working with Tiernan for the past 18 months and have really enjoyed his contributions both musically and personally to the projects we have been involved in. He is a consummate professional and always delivers at the highest level. Looking forward to working with him again. Highly recommended!

Darren Ashford
Professional Drummer
Drum Tutor, Institute of Contemporary Music Performance
Managing Director, Drum Lesson Academy

Tiernan is a wonderful musician and a fantastic bass player. He worked with me in the studio and on many live concerts and gigs. He is always prepared, practiced and on top of the game. Tiernan is a pleasure to work with and I always enjoy his bass playing. Great Tone and Licks!

James Manders
Professional Session Guitarist
Founder and Tutor, Guitar In Schools

Selected Equipment

Basses 1974 Fender P-bass; 1997 Fender Jazz Deluxe; 5 String Shuker SC bass; 5 String Shuker Jazz bass

Amps Genz Benz Shuttle Max 9.2; Vanderkley 1x12" & 2x10" Cabs; Ashdown 800W head (1990s); Ashdown 4x10" cab

Referees

David N. Woodcock

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