# ANDREW J. SERCE

#### **Music Instructor**

#### **Professional Summary**

Andrew Serce has been involved in classical music for almost two decades, leading him to perform and teach on the piano, violin, and guitar. He is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Classical Guitar Performance at the University of Kentucky after receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Music degree at Nazareth College of Rochester, New York. Andrew started teaching free-lance private music lessons in January of 2009 in addition to being an instructor at Dori's music studio in Spencerport, NY. He has taught over 20 students of all ages and is sincere about the progress of his students while looking to provide excellent instruction in the Lexington area.

#### **EDUCATION**

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (Fall 2010 - Spring 2012) Master of Music in Performance, Guitar

Nazareth College of Rochester, Rochester, NY (Fall 2005 - Spring 2010)

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Primary Instrument: Guitar Secondary Instruments: Violin, Piano

Secondary Study: Composition

Minor: Philosophy

GPA: 3.49

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York (Fall 2004 - Spring 2005) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Course Work

Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, Henrietta, NY Studies in Violin and Technology

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dori's Music Studio • Spencerport, NY Zip 14559 • August 2009 - August 2010, Private Music Instructor

- Taught students from all age groups to play guitar, violin, beginner piano, beginner cello
- Built a studio of 17 students
- Gained a healthy rapport with students, parents, and colleagues

#### Self-Employed • Rochester, NY 14623 • January 2009 - August 2010, Music Instructor

- Taught students with little to no background in music lessons in guitar, violin, piano, and theory
- Retained students for long periods of time
- Balanced full-time college status, working at Dori's Music Studio, and free-lance teaching for 5 students

Ward's Natural Science • Rochester, NY 14692 • May 2005 - August 2005, Warehouse Worker

- Gained interdepartmental teamwork experience
- Learned to use large dolleys, packaging supplies, and pallet-related tools
- Acted as unofficial representative between assembly team and department manager

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

#### CVS/Pharmacy • Henrietta, NY 14623 • August 2003 - November 2007, Store Clerk

- Cash out customers, offer customer service, clean store, stock shelves, place advertisements, take inventory, and unload deliveries.
- Trained in 1-hour photo services in both film and digital medias
- Trained in touch-screen register and credit card systems.

## **GOALS**

#### **Short Term**

- Find a job in the Lexington area
- Frequently perform guitar music in public
- Build a professional personal website

#### Long Term

- Complete graduate school recital
- Get into a DMA program for guitar performance
- Go on tour

#### **PERSONAL**

Rhythm Guitarist and Back-up Vocalist for Five Claims to Wisdom (Currently recording first album, played many live shows)
Writing a book of preludes for Guitar
Interest in Guitar Pedagogy (Writing a pedagogical book)
Bowling (played in leagues, scored a no tap 300)
Golf (In the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of play, recorded a hole-in-one on a 86-yard par 3 with a PW)

References available upon request

## **REFERENCES**

Dieter Hennings - Instructor of Guitar at University of Kentucky
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