

SAMUEL TOSTO

Music Composer | Sound Designer for Visual Media

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EDUCATION

- The University of North Carolina School of the Arts - Master of Fine Arts in Film Music Composition, 2024
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro - Bachelor of Arts in Music, 2020
- Rockingham Community College - Associate in Arts, 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed | Freelance Composer and Sound Designer | 2024 - Present

- Collaborated with filmmakers to produce 25+ original scores for visual media, demonstrating strong music composition and production skills that enhanced narratives and engaged audiences
- Composed music for 15+ entertainment scenes, tailoring pieces to emotional beats and showcasing orchestration and compositional techniques across Film, TV, Video Games, and Commercials
- Authored 15+ leitmotifs, enhancing narratives and audience engagement through expertise in orchestration, piano, and guitar performance

Expertise in Logic Pro, Sibelius, MIDI programming, and advanced audio production

Guitar Center | Music Instructor - Guitar, Drums, Bass, and Piano 2023 - Present

- Developed structured lesson plans, increasing student enrollment by 400% through tailored instruction and mentorship
- Directed guitar and drum instruction, achieving a 30% performance improvement in two months, while also teaching piano, ukulele, and bass guitar
- Collaborated directly with the lessons department manager to influence student enrollments, devising custom lesson plans that increased retention rates by 150% within a six-month period

Self-Employed | Private Music Instructor | Guitar, Drum Kit, and Bass Guitar 2013 - Present

- Taught guitar, drum kit, and bass guitar for over 30 students of varying skill levels, implementing a significant increase in student retention rates due to personalized coaching
- Designed and implemented a streamlined curriculum, leading to a 175% enrollment increase in six months by leveraging social media and local outreach

New Vision Fellowship Church | Lead Instrumentalist & Worship Set Coordinator 2023 - 2024

- Facilitated weekly guitar and drum rehearsals for services, providing additional support on instruments
- Coordinated with the worship team to produce 20+ engaging musical sets, enhancing community engagement through diverse presentations tailored to congregational needs

CREDITS

- *Blimp Fighter*- Composer and Sound Designer (Video Game, 2025)
- *News Room*- Composer (Short Film, 2023)
- *Seven Minutes*- Composer (Short Film, 2023) – Screened at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts as part of the MFA in Film Music Composition program

KEY SKILLS

- Visual Media Scoring - Composing and producing original music for visual media in any style
- Composition- Composing absolute music across genres
- Music Education & Instruction - Delivering private and group music lessons with high student retention and progress
- Advanced Music Technology - Proficient in Logic Pro, Sibelius, MIDI programming, and sample libraries
- Project Management - Leading music production projects from start to finish