

Joe Badger

Pro-Guitarist/Tutor/Creator

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"I Think Joe is a very strong, hard working guitarist destined to go far in his field."

Ed Sheeran - Singer/songwriter

"Joe is a versatile, solid player with a great sound and naturally musical phrasing. He has a great attitude and is reliable and professional"

Pete Friesen - Alice Cooper, Bruce Dickinson

"Joe is a very musical and inspiring guitarist. He has a great feel for melody, tone, touch and dynamics - a pleasure to Jam with!!"

Jamie Humphries - The Brian May Band, We Will Rock You Musical

Teaching Experience:

2008 - Present - Private guitar tutor

- Developing lesson plans for students, main areas focused on are repertoire, technique, theory, guitar tone & music technology. Working with students on guitar graded exams for Rockscool exam boards, covering grades 1 - 8 on Electric and Acoustic Guitar. Full DBS check and full UK driving license.

2012 - 2016 - Guitar tutor for ACM Junior/XL

- Teaching repertoire to students in groups up to 10 and running band workshops - Full DBS Check

Teaching Testimonials

*"Joe has now taught my 16 year old son electric guitar for about 3 years. He has successfully taught him through grade 1 to grade 5 Rock School. Not only does Joe focus on grading but also gives insight into all aspects of playing guitar such as music theory and all skills to become a better guitarist. Joe's method of teaching has kept my son engaged, so much so that he has decided to study guitar performance at ACM. I would highly recommend Joe as he is very professional, friendly and patient. He has a great rapport with my son and continues to help him develop his guitar skills. Thank you Joe for all your great work, it's very much appreciated." - **Nicky (Parent)***

*"Joe has been teaching Louis for just over five years now. His enthusiasm and patience at every lesson has encouraged Louis to believe in himself and to appreciate and understand the many genres of music Joe has introduced him to. Joe really has taken Louis to the next level within his enjoyment of music and continues to challenge him even to the point of encouraging him to sing which has benefitted him so much. Joe really has a great sense of humour and at the same time has a very professional manner. He manages to tailor make his lessons around his students and his extended knowledge of music theory has enabled Louis to study for music exams at GCSE's and A level standard. We are so fortunate to have met Joe and to have him as a guitar teacher for Louis, they have built up a great relationship and Louis just loves his lessons. I really would highly recommend Joe for beginners and advanced levels for acoustic and electric guitar lessons" - **Rachel (Parent)***



Performance Credits:

- **2025 – Present** - Musical Director, Show Programmer & Session Guitarist for Impressionist Mike Woodhams (Britain's Got Talent Finalist)
- **2012 – Present** - Lead guitarist and band leader for professional function bands "Folk Junkies" and "Xcaliber"
- **2025 – Scout Willis** – Playing session guitar for Scout Willis at Glastonbury 2025
- **2023 - Present- Roland Global** – Recording marketing material for future products in the V-drum department aswell being featured in promotional videos.
- **2011 - 2012** - Session guitarist for Matt Lonsdale - supporting One Direction on the debut UK tour - Venues include arenas and theaters such as NIA Arena, Dublin O2 Arena, Liverpool Echo Arena, Cardiff Motorpoint Arena and Hammersmith Apollo.
- **2009 – Present** – Session guitarist working with lots of different artists and function bands - live and in the recording studio. Credits include Scout Willis, Mike Woodhams, Kingsland Road, Eleanor K, Jeremy Shada, Josh Devine, Ebony Day, Joel Baker, Ollie Green + 100's more.

Memberships:

- **2011 – Present** – Musicians Union

Education:

- BA (Mus) 2:1 Degree in guitar music performance at The Academy of Contemporary Music (2010 - 2012)
- Higher diploma (Distinction) in guitar performance at The Academy of Contemporary Music (2009 - 2010)
- Has been taught by top music Industry professionals, Pete Friesen (Alice Cooper), John Bishop (Guitar Techniques) and Jamie Humphries (The Brian May Band)
- 9 GCSEs and 3 A Levels at grade C and above

Personal:

Joe Badger is a professional guitarist, tutor and creator based in Surrey. After being told in school at 6 years old that he would never be a musician. Joe has since gone on to play sold out Arena tours supporting bands such as One Direction, as well as earning a guitar degree in professional music performance at The Academy Of Contemporary Music (ACM) – 2:1.

For the last 15 years Joe has been working with lots of different original artists as well as performing in professional covers bands all over the UK, UAE and Europe. Bands include "Xcaliber" www.xcaliber.band and "Folk Junkies" www.folkjunkiesband.com.

Whilst maintaining a busy performance schedule of up to 75 – 100 gigs a year, Joe has been teaching guitar privately for all ages from beginners right up to expert level. The main areas Joe works on with students are technique, repertoire, theory, guitar tone & music technology.

Joe is a very reliable and motivated musician, whose love and passion for music has driven him to aim to be a top professional in his trade.