



Christopher Molla

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I am a culture worker who has devoted the majority of my creative and professional energies to music education, music making, sound art, poetics, and research in these areas. I have 40+ years of experience as a music teacher, sound artist, songwriter, composer, sound engineer, and multi-instrumentalist. As a music educator, I have worked with students ranging from infants to college undergraduates.

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in Music, University of California Santa Cruz (1988)
- Master of Arts in Music Composition, Mills College (1990)
- Master of Fine Arts in Digital Arts and New Media, University of California Santa Cruz (2010)
- Teaching Certificate in Orff-Schulwerk, Mills College (2003)

Highlights include studies in music composition and theory with Robert Ashley, David Rosenboom, Anthony Braxton, David Cope, Gordon Mumma, Mary Badarak, Rick Cox, and Ben Leeds Carson; and studies in Orff-Schulwerk with Doug Goodkin, Sofia Lopez-Ibor, James Harding, Rick Layton, and Martha Crowell. Honors and awards include the Helman Scholarship for Music Composition (1988, 1989, 1990) the University of California Santa Cruz Arts Division Award (2010), and the Porter College Graduate Arts Research Committee Award, University of California Santa Cruz (2010)

Teaching Experience

- **Current:**, Private instruction in guitar, keyboard and accordion.
- **Post-Secondary:**
 - Teaching Artist, Department of Theater and Music, Lawrence Arts Center (2022-2024)
 - Lecturer in Music, University of California, Santa Cruz (2009-2010)
 - Teaching Assistant, Department of Music, University of California, Santa Cruz (2008-2010)
 - Teaching Assistant, Department of Music, Mills College (1989-1990)
- **Elementary / Secondary:**
 - K-6 Music Teacher, Española Public Schools in Española, NM (2018-2020)
 - K-8 Music Teacher, La Tierra Montessorri School of the Arts in Española, NM (2015-2018)
 - K-8 Music Teacher, Santa Fe Public Schools in Santa Fe New Mexico (2014-2015)
 - K-3 Music Teacher, San Francisco Schoolhouse (2012-2013)
 - K-3 Music Teacher, San Francisco Friends School (2003-2006)
 - K-6 Music Teacher, Vallemar Elementary School in Pacifica, CA (1995-1998)
 - 3 -6 Music Teacher, Clarendon Elementary School in San Francisco, CA (1996-1997)
 - K-8 Music Teacher, Good Shepherd School in Pacifica, CA (1990-1995)
- **Early Childhood Music Specialist:**
 - Director, Toddler Tunes Program, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco (2007-2008)
 - Owner and Music Director, Jump Up Music and Movement (2005-2007)
 - Music Director / Teacher, Playsongs (2000-2004)
 - Music Teacher, Calvary Presbyterian Church Nursery School in San Francisco, CA (1998-2005)
 - Music Teacher, Lone Mountain Preschool in San Francisco, CA (1998-2005)

Other Experience

- Music Program Director- Moving Arts Española in Española, NM (2016-2018)
- Composer & Sound Artist- University of California Santa Cruz Theater Arts Dept. (2008-2016)
- Songwriter, Multi-Instrumentalist, & Founding Member- Camper Van Beethoven & Monks of Doom
- Composer & Multi-Instrumentalist - Gravity Resisters Pension Fund Orchestra & Small Birds of Sound
- Composer & Sound Artist- Hyperbolous Twee
- Multi-Instrumentalist- Lula Miss, Estonian Gauchos, Sitting Duck, The Meekons, & Waco Brothers

Selected discography and references are available upon request.