

# Sebastián Cruz

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## EDUCATION

### Manhattan School of Music NYC

Master of Music in Jazz Guitar 2009

### City College of New York

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music 2004

*summa cum laude*

## TEACHING

### Brooklyn Guitar School

*Private Guitar Instructor* January 2010-present

- Teach group classes following several curriculums including Absolute Guitar Beginners, Kids Rock Class, Lead Guitar and Near Guitar Beginners
- Create and teach lesson plans for different group classes including Absolute Bass Beginners
- Teach private lessons in guitar and bass
- Keep optimum communication with all students to keep track of progress, and to ensure they are engaged to continue taking private lessons or to continue to the next level of group classes

### Monster Music LI

*Private Guitar Instructor* July 2009-January 2010

- Teach individual guitar lessons
- Instruct six to eight students a day, two days a week
- Assess needs, interests and styles that individual students want to learn and develop a goal-oriented program to meet those needs

### Columbia University NYC

*Artist-in Residence* Spring 2009

- Instructed group of nine undergraduate and graduate musicians to perform Colombian music on both standard and traditional Colombian musical instruments
- Directed Latin, Colombian music ensemble
- Arranged 10 pieces of Colombian music specifically for the students taking the class, on various instrumentations
- Conducted performance of traditional Colombian music

### LEAP (Learning through an Expanded Arts Program) NYC

*Teaching Artist* 2005-present

- Create program designed to enhance core curriculum through the arts in residencies lasting 10 weeks or more in public schools (K-12)
- Develop lesson plans that comply with State academic and arts standards
- Utilize music to teach academic curriculum
- Produce final project typically consisting of performance demonstrating skills acquired throughout semester and student's understanding of core curricular and musical elements

## PERFORMANCES SELECTED

### As musical director and guitarist

Lucia Pulido's ensemble

*Konzerthaus, Mozart-Saal* Vienna, Austria

*Rudolstadt Festival* Rudolstadt, Germany

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*A-Trane Jazz Club* Berlin, Germany

*Jazz al Parque Festival* Bogota, Colombia

## **As guitarist, composer and traditional Colombian percussionist**

La Cumbiamba eNeYé

*Princeton University* Princeton, NJ

*Central Park Summer Stage* NYC

*Lincoln Center Out of Doors* NYC

*Symphony Space* NYC

## **As Band leader, composer and guitarist**

Coba

*JPMorgan Chase Latino Cultural Festival*. Queens Theatre in the Park

*CultureFest*. Battery Park

*BAM Cafe (Brooklyn Academy of Music)* NYC

Sebastián Cruz and the Cheap Landscape Trio

*Highline Ballroom* NYC

*Japanese American National Museum* Los Angeles, CA

*Jazz al Parque Festival* Bogotá, Colombia

## **DISCOGRAPHY SELECTED**

La Cumbiamba eNeYé. *La Palma*. MTM, 2009

Sebastián Cruz and The Cheap Landscape Trio. *Sebastián Cruz and The Cheap Landscape Trio*. Independent, 2008

Pulido, Lucía. *Luna Menguante*. Adventure Music, 2008

Coba. *Canción Mandala*. Chonta Records, 2006

La Cumbiamba eNeYé. *Marioneta*. Chonta Records, 2006

Pulido, Lucía. *Dolor de Ausencia*. FM records, 2005

Coba. *Coba*. Independent, 2003

## **COMPOSITION**

### **Theater**

Kern, Jon. *The Executioner*. Dir. Pedro Salazar. Columbia University

Chekhov, Anton. *The Seagull*. Dir. Pedro Salazar. Columbia University

Dudley, Anton. *The Flight of Kings*. Dir. Javier Gutiérrez. Baryshnikov Arts Center

Akutagawa, Ryunosuke. *Rashomon*. Dir. Javier Gutiérrez. Adapted from film by Javier Gutiérrez

### **Feature length Film**

*Buscando a Miguel*. Dir. Juan Fischer. Perf. Juan Sebastián Aragón, Luis Fernando Bohórquez, and Marcela Carvajal. 2007

### **Documentaries**

*Legally Blind*. Dir. Ingrid Rojas. PBS

*Pack, Strap, Swallow*. Dir. Holly Page Joyner. Sundance Channel

## **AWARDS**

Meet The Composer's Van Lier Fellowship 2010

ASCAP Louis Dreyfus Warner/Chappell 2002