



## Chris G—Guitar, Piano and Voice

Chris' passion for music began at a young age as he experimented with many different instruments and musical styles. It wasn't until he picked up the guitar in 9th grade, however, that music became his life. Throughout high school, Chris began writing songs, singing in concert choir, playing guitar in jazz band, and taking lessons in both voice and guitar.

In 2005, Chris took his musical skills to Boston, MA, studying at Berklee College of Music. With a main focus in guitar performance and songwriting, Chris developed his craft of music, learning from an amazing staff of teachers and guest artists such as James Taylor, Paul Simon, and John Mayer. Along

with guitar/songwriting classes, Chris was also trained in music theory, ear training, piano, and voice. While at Berklee, Chris also began performing his own original songs at a variety of venues. In 2009, Chris received a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in songwriting and made the move back to Minnesota.

Over the past two years, Chris has been performing live throughout the area, playing his original music at local hot spots such as The Fine Line, The Cause, and The Acadia Cafe. During the day, Chris also works as paraprofessional in the schools, assisting students with a variety of special needs to successfully participate in the classroom. This experience has given Chris a unique perspective on how to successfully assess the needs of each individual student based upon their individual ability level and to then build upon those skills to help each student reach their unique goals. He strives to use and apply this experience in his teaching of both private and group music lessons, and has a passion for making music accessible to students of all ability levels.