

## Maurice Arenas

Maurice Arenas is a classically and jazz trained musician with over 40+ years of playing experience (Maurice has played guitar since the age of 4) and has over 25 years of teaching experience. In his 20s he was a full time NYC studio musician and Broadway pit musician and has played session work on various projects that included a diverse palette of styles and genres including Classical, Flamenco, Traditional Jazz, Fusion, Rock, Electric Blues, R&B, Funk, Latin, Shred, Acoustic Blues and Folk, Fingerstyle, Country and New Age guitar.

He also was very lucky enough to fulfill a lifelong dream of accompanying the late great studio session master Tommy Tedesco. Maurice later on moved on near to the Washington DC area to build his own teaching studio that utilizes his own unique teaching method and approach.

With his love of music and desire to share it, Maurice created a video series on Mike's Master Classes called "The Art of Fusion Guitar" and the video series approaches techniques and improvisational concepts used by guitar greats like Holdsworth, Gambale, McLaughlin, Benson, DiMeola, Lukather, Carlton, Coryell, Scofield, Stern, Abercrombie, Lane and more.

Maurice currently continues to do studio and production work as well as guitar clinics. He is also found working at his own music studio with music hobbyists, preparatory students, semi-professionals and professionals who wish to further their musical careers.

His preparatory students have gone on to study at Juilliard, Mannes School of Music, The New School, San Francisco Conservatory, Hartt School of Music, U Arts, Manhattan School of Music, the Royal Conservatory of Music, Berklee and more. Some of his best students are now themselves professionals. His best students are now instructors and guitar faculty in colleges across the country or are touring professional musicians.

Maurice has also contributed as a featured columnist for Just Jazz Guitar Magazine, TrueFire "Riff" Journal Magazine and Guitar Skills Magazine. With new plans for instructional books underway, Maurice continues his musical pursuits forward with upcoming performances, recording projects, production as well as more installments of his video series as well as new DVD series planned to come out later this year. His new album should be due out late 2016 early 2017.

Maurice Arenas proudly endorses and has ongoing artist relations with G&L Guitars, Xotic Guitars, Cordoba Guitars, Marshall Amps, Arnsparger Handmade Pickups, Morley Pedals, VFE Pedals, Amptweaker Pedals, Dazatronyx Pedals, Xotic Pedals, Red Witch Pedals, Maxon Pedals, Voodoo Lab Power Supplies and Pedals, Holeyboard Pedal Boards, Spectraflex Cables, Intellitouch Tuners, Savarez Strings, Pyramid Strings, Gravity Guitar Picks, Real Rock Gemstone Guitar Picks as well as Levy's Guitar Straps and Levy's Gig Bags