

# Kristopher Kurzawa

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## Profile

I am a full-stack web developer with demonstrated experience across the software development life cycle with an emphasis in JavaScript as my primary object oriented language. I am a lifelong musician/music educator who has performed all over the world and is currently on faculty at Wayne State University's jazz department.

## Technical Skills

MERN, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Bootstrap, Tailwind, Bulma, React, Express, Node, MongoDB, Mongoose

## Projects

**Kris Kurzawa Guitar** | <https://github.com/KKurzawa/kris-kurzawa-guitar> | <https://www.kriskurzawaguitar.com/>

- Summary: This is a website for my professional career as a musician/composer/music educator.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: React, Javascript, Tailwind, Vercel, EmailJs, Javascript, CSS

**Revival: A Tribute to the Allman Brothers** |

<https://github.com/KKurzawa/revival-frontend2/tree/main> | <https://www.revivalbanddetroit.com/>

- Summary: A professional full-stack website for Revival: A Tribute to the Allman Brothers.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: MERN, MongoDB, Mongoose, Express, React, Javascript, Tailwind, Vercel, Render

**Ani Difranto Transcriptions** | <https://github.com/KKurzawa/Ani-Difranto-Transcriptions> | <https://anidifrancotranscriptions.vercel.app/>

- Summary: A website to display and download a collection of Ani Difranto Transcriptions.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: React, Javascript, Tailwind, Vercel, EmailJs, Javascript, CSS

**Movie Project** | <https://github.com/KKurzawa/Movie-Project> | <https://kkurzawa.github.io/Movie-Project/>

- Summary: This project creates a movie database that allows users to search for a movie, give the user options based on their search and trending options, then displays the poster, cast, and storyline of their selection along with similar movies.
- Role: Front end developer
- Tools: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, JQuery, Bulma, TMDB API

## **Grocery Store Management System |**

**<https://github.com/KKurzawa/Grocery-Store-Employee-Management-System> |**

**<https://secure-gorge-43395-b510f5266de9.herokuapp.com/>**

- Summary: This employee management system allows users to see their role, sick/vacations hours, schedule for the week, a graph of hours worked in the previous week, and the ability to clock in and out.
- Role: Front end developer
- Tools: Node.js, Javascript, MySQL, CSS, Heroku, Handlebars, Bootstrap, Express, Sequelize, Apex Charts, Bcrypt, JawsDB

## **Experience**

**FREELANCE WEB DEVELOPER; DETROIT, MI - 2023 - PRESENT;**

- Designing, developing and maintaining professional websites.

**ADJUNCT FACULTY, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY; DETROIT, MI - 2018 - PRESENT;**

- Taught private jazz guitar lessons to students of varying levels of ability to grow their technique, expand their repertoire, understand music theory, and apply theory to their instrument.
- Ran a guitar ensemble consisting of 5 guitarists, a pianist, bassist, and drummer. Ensemble rehearsals focused on strengthening sight reading and ensemble playing by working through arrangements that would be polished and performed at the end of the semester.

**HEAD OF GUITAR DEPARTMENT, DETROIT INSTITUTE OF MUSIC EDUCATION; DETROIT, MI - 2014 -2021;**

- Taught classes focusing on guitar technique of varying styles, sight reading, music theory and applying theory to the guitar.
- Managed the other guitar instructors and coordinated with the other heads of department to facilitate a healthy and productive learning environment.

**MUSICIAN, SELF EMPLOYED; DETROIT, MI - 2003 - PRESENT;**

- Performances in all genres of music at multiple types of venues including festivals, studios, music venues, theaters, and Broadway musicals.
- Released 3 full length albums.
- Nominated for 18 Detroit Music Awards. Awarded 7 Detroit Music Awards.

## **Education**

**Certificate, Full Stack Web Development Bootcamp** - Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI - 2023

**Masters in Music, Jazz Studies** - Wayne State University; Detroit - 2012

**Bachelors in Music, Jazz Studies** - Wayne State University; Detroit - 2003

## **Awards**

**2023 Outstanding Tribute Band** - Detroit Music Awards

**2017 Outstanding Jazz Composer** - Detroit Music Awards

**2016 Outstanding Jazz Recording** - Detroit Music Awards

**2016 Outstanding Modern Jazz Artist/Group** - Detroit Music Awards

**2015 Outstanding World Artist/Group** - Detroit Music Awards

**2015 Outstanding World/Reggae Songwriter** - Detroit Music Awards

**2011 Outstanding World/Reggae Songwriter** - Detroit Music Awards

**Talent Scholarship** - Wayne State University - 2009

**Evangeline Dumesnil Scholarship** - Wayne State University - 2010