

LARRY BURKHART

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guitar

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Styles

Playing: All styles and style mixtures.

Teaching: Guitar/theory/ear training.

Beginners: Folk, folk/rock, blues, and light classical.

For intermediate and advanced students, emphasis on Jazz and Classical.

Bio

Larry has been performing and teaching for 35 years. His family connections with music consists of a grandfather who was a concert violinist and father who had founded the Jay Burkhart Jazz Cradle in Chicago.

As a beginning guitarist in the late 60's, Larry was playing rock and folk music and as time went on was slowly integrating jazz into this during the time when jazz fusion was being formulated on a large scale. During high school he had surpassed what the teachers there had to offer and was asked to teach guitar, basic musicianship, and (for extreme fun) organized an avant garde junk band while still attending as a student. More big band and classical studies ensued during the pre-college and college years supplemented with private spot lessons and seminars. Between the two he had studies with Tommy Tedesco, Joe Pass, Dan Haerle, Bob Curnow, Art Lande, Garry Peacock, Julian Preister, and for classical guitar David Burgess to name just a few. He has performed at numerous venues from LA to Seattle concentrating on central California.



Method

Methods vary according to the individual. Since learning takes much repetition and fingers



and minds won't always keep pace with each other, the way to make the catch up period as effortless as possible is through game playing and analogy.

“Having ways of discovering things for yourself is, I believe the most rewarding thing music has to offer.” Those not interested in reading should at least read rhythms to be able to develop and retain strum and fingering patterns of their own invention. For reading the Hal Leonard books can be used. The first two William Leavitt books are the preferred choice for quick learners. Finger style comes from a variety of sources. An extensive library of personal transcriptions are used as supplementary treats also!