

AKRAM UL HAQ

GUITARIST | TEACHER | COMPOSER





The Inception

My musical journey started out with the **rock/metal** scene of Hyderabad, India as the guitarist of a local fan-favorite metal band. Through time, I found myself drawn to the beauty of **Western Classical Music**.

More than 10,000 hours of tireless grit and practice in the craft led me to graduate as a grade 8 level Classical Guitarist certified by ABSRM, London, compose my own music and be recognized as one of the top finger-style guitarists in the world, today. In the process I traversed a range of genres to discover my own unique brand of music.



The Journey

My passion pushed my ambitions to far greater heights...

- In 2019, I was the only Indian invited to perform in the prestigious **Finger-style Festival of Poland**.
- In 2022, with tremendous support from loved ones, I released my debut album **The Catmaster**.
- **Rolling Stones magazine (India)** recognized and featured the album and appeared in their Spotify "hit list" playlist.
- I have performed in **6 Sofar Sounds** sessions and **~500 concerts** in over a decade long career.
- Most recently, I've been **touring South America & India**, spreading the gospel of fusion finger-style instrumental music with my new album.

Love for Teaching

Beyond creating music, teaching is a cornerstone of my life that I hold with intense love. As a music educator for a decade, my approach is rooted in **humanistic pedagogy**. I do not believe in a one-size-fits-all approach. When I work with aspiring artists, I focus on getting to know them through deep listening, understand their psyche, emotions and aspirations to gain a full picture on how best I can support them on their musical journeys.

There are few things in life that give me more joy than enabling artists on their journey of self discovery through music. I have taught over 150 learners in corporate groups, individually, from the child who picked up a guitar at age 6 to the family man aged 55, and all those in between.





My Students My Pride

I am proud my each student at every stage of their journey, from learning their first chord to writing their first song. Under my tutelage,

- Students have made the cut into prestigious Musical Colleges (Raghav – Leeds Music Conservatory; Harish – Paris University).
- Scores completed their Grade 8 examination from the Trinity College of London in a wide variety of guitar styles, ranging from Classical, Acoustic, to even Rock, and Pop. These feats opened doors for many to be placed in their dream colleges and esteemed Ivy Leagues.
- Some have found their calling in making musical compositions for various feature length films (Tejaswin, Praveen Krishnamurthy)

Interested to Learn?

Whether you are someone who has never picked up the guitar or someone who is looking for the final bit of polish on the finished article, should you need a guide who can help you accomplish that goal, that dream, that ambition of yours; the path to excellence begins right here and I am as excited for the journey as you are.

Tuition: \$140 for 8 sessions paid in advance, two sessions per week for marked progress.

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