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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Over 40 years experience as a professional musician including:

- **Studio guitarist** in San Francisco Bay Area and New York City recording and performing with artists such as Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Sammy Davis Jr., Paul Simon, Michael Jackson, Wild Cherry, The Drifters, Tammy Wynette, Jackson Brown, The Pointer Sisters, Tower of Power and many others.
- **Music/Guitar Instructor** servicing music store clientele in major cities on East Coast & West Coast.
- **Music Copyist / Arranger** providing for U.S. Air Force Band, Democratic National Convention and Star Search.
- **Performing Artist** including soloist, lead guitarist, rhythm guitarist and bass guitarist in rock/blues/jazz bands performing at concerts across the country as well as orchestral performances in Broadway / Off-Broadway plays.

ADVANCED EXPERIENCE

- Facilitated monthly rehearsals and jam sessions combining student musicians with professional musicians (guitarists, woodwinds, keyboards, percussion), created all arrangements/charts and performed for numerous venues such as Oakland Coliseum for Oakland A's games, Jack London Square for Oakland A's Season Kick-off, Dean Leshner Auditorium for public performances, Napa 4th of July Celebration In The Park and many more.
- Proficient at teaching music theory, sight reading, tab and playing by ear.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Increased music store's retail sales by over 30% in one year by increasing student base through special incentive start up packages.
- Created monthly training seminars at retail music store focusing on guitar accessories/equipment, stage presentation, performing techniques and improvisation.
- Organized off-site seminars promoting guitar programs at "Career Day" activities for K-12 schools and special functions for Make A Wish Foundation, Oakland A's Fan-Fest and church fundraisers.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Performed / Recorded / Rehearsed and worked with such notable musicians, bands and groups as...

1970's

Burt Bacharach - Promises Promises on Broadway	Paul Simon - New York
Artimus Pyle - Former drummer / Lynard Skynard	Jackson Five - Rhythm Section
James Spalding - Former reed-man / Miles Davis	Dion & The Belmonts - 50's Group
Mike Ridley - Jazz Trumpeter / Instructor, Rutgers Univ.	Shubert Theatre - New York
Jopito - Former Percussionist for Santana	Drifters - 50's Group

1980's

The Association - Capital recording artists	A.M. TV Shows - Local Bay Area Channel 17
Wild Cherry - Epic recording artists (recorded & toured)	Oakland Raiders - Football games
Tammy Wynette - Country recording artist	San Francisco Symphony - Music copyist
Dick Crest Bay Area Orchestra - Performances with Dione Warwick, Frankie Lane, Chita Rivera	Democratic Convention - Music Copyist Ice Capades - Orchestra

1990's

Sammy Davis Jr.	Frank Sinatra	Barbra Streisand	Donna Summer
Jackson Brown	The Pointer Sisters	Tower of Power	Fifth Dimension
Bill Graham Productions		U.S. Air Force Band - Travis AFB, CA	
Rex Allen Jr. - Glenn Miller Jazz Big Band		Music Arranger - U.S. Air Force Band (across U.S.)	
Regina Belle - Grammy Award winner, female recording vocalist		Jazz Express - Original Fusion-Rock Ensemble	
Horace Alexander Young III - Saxophonist & musical director with Whitney Houston			

2000's to Present - Other notable experience

- Developed own teaching methodology and course material, "Building Guitar Confidence".
- Created 40 original gospel compositions for Christian label "Song Discovery".
- Created RGS Rock/Jazz Ensemble (35+ piece group combining student and professional musicians such as Orestes Vilato - Cuban percussionist with Santana, Jeff Tamelier - Tower of Power and Max Picco who played with Mel Torme), arranged all charts, conducted all musical rehearsals, booked gigs and performed.
- Arranged and recorded new tracks for 21 song double album for International Christian Recording Artist, Steven Kuban, entitled "I'm Calling Out To You" due to release in 2011.

EDUCATION:

- Majored in music arranging & composition, Berklee College of Music, Boston MA
- Studied under studio guitarist **Ron Parker** of New York City
- Studied under main stream jazz guitarist **Harry Lahee** of New York City
- Studied classical guitar at New England Conservatory, Boston MA
- Studied under George Barrey, world renown Concord Jazz Label artist
- Studied under Warren Nunes, Hayward CA
- Studied arranging and conducting with world renown jazz keyboardist Don Haas of Foster City, CA
- Studied vocal lessons with Judy Davis, vocal coach for numerous celebrities such as Johnny Mathis, Barbra Streisand and Eddie Money

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

- Music theory, arranging (large & small ensembles all genres), sight reading, composition, copyist, clinician and transcribing (all styles).

PERSONAL SKILLS:

- Hard working, reliable and able to work independently or as part of a group/team.