

Rick Washbrook Student Testimonials

Testimonial from Thomas Mason

"I have studied with Rick Washbrook for a year now in vocals and guitar. Out of all the music teachers I have had, Rick has been the most experienced and versatile teacher. I have taken lessons from many music stores and get more time and quality per dollar with Rick. He is by far the best music teacher, I have ever seen including private lessons, elementary and high school."

Thomas Mason

Testimonial from Rob Balamute

"I probably had about 4-5 different guitar teachers in my life. By far, Rick Washbrook was the best. Rick taught me where I was at; he took extra time to dive deep into what I wanted to learn. Rick's style and range is vast and wide. Rick Washbrook is an amazing guitar player!"

Rob Balamute

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Testimonial from Fraser MacDonald

"Rick Washbrook is one of the best guitarists I have known. He is humble and never has shown an ego about his talent or acted like he is the amazing guitarist. I admire that about him. Musicians fortunate to be around Rick with their instruments in hand love to jam with him, and share his laughter.

I have studied with Rick Washbrook and seen him play live many times. I have all his CD's. I recognize through Washbrook that we can break on through to the other side. He transcends when he performs. Rick Washbrook plays the music, not so much playing the guitar."

Fraser MacDonald:

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Testimonial from Warren Graves

"When I think of Rick Washbrook and his ability to play guitar, I don't know where to start. There is so much to express. Virtually every lesson with Rick Washbrook would open my eyes up to new innovations, and techniques on the instrument. He has a level of expertise in terms of knowledge and skill that cannot be put into words. Washbrook would start a lesson and during the lesson it was like he was taking me to a sacred place.

Rick Washbrook looks at the guitar as an orchestra, with 6 voices that must be trained first before they are blended to produce beautiful harmony. I wondered could someone at his level really teach in a way that I could connect with in spite of my limited experience? I found out not only could he teach but he would graciously share so much information that I could spend months developing the techniques and exercises.

Rick is a very giving person who sees music as something to be shared and not squandered".

By Warren Graves

Testimonial from Don McQuestion

"Rick Washbrook is a one of a kind guitar player. I went to many of his Shows in the 90's and even earlier than that. Rick played solos that touched me. He made me feel deeply involved in the music. The one thing that always struck me about Rick Washbrook on stage was the intensity and expressiveness of his playing. He always had the audience spell bound.

I now feel free playing music using the entire fret board of the guitar. This is something I didn't think I'd ever achieve; having spent years working on my guitar playing with limited results, it was Rick Washbrook that opened my eyes to the basic triad shapes and then moving forward to advanced voice leading harmonies on the guitar fret board.

I once asked Rick Washbrook on his break at one of his shows is there any advise you could give me, if you had to coin in up in a sentence or two? Rick Washbrook opened me up to not only play better but feel more comfortable. He liked my voice and encouraged me to sing all the time. Now 19 years later I sing all the time. He shared the soul with me something that cannot be just taught in one or a few lessons.

Thanks to Rick my blues and solo improvising has improved beyond belief. Rick as a brave artist, a student of spiritual purity, and an extraordinary performer, recording artist, and teacher."

By: Don McQueston
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Don McQueston plays in the band 'Surfin' Cowboy' with Josh Forgerty (bass), son of John Forgerty from CC R, Mark Larsen, drummer for many legends and heroes of the San Francisco Bay Area, and singer song writer Toni Lee Baker.

Testimonial from Ian Newall

"I liked the way that Rick layered instruction with practical examples. We'd learn something new, and then reinforce it with some repetition, and then we'd have some fun by jamming together on what we'd learned.

More importantly, thanks to Rick, my love of guitar playing has been rekindled, my music is far from stale, and I'm really excited about trying new stuff... My musical horizons have broadened, to the point that I've even picked up a banjo (time for some more lessons!).

Thank you, Rick Washbrook! You've helped me to breathe new life into my guitar playing!"

By: Ian Newall
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Testimonial from Dan McCormick

"I started my guitar lessons with Rick Washbrook in early 2015 not knowing if I would really learn to play and keep up my practicing. I have always wanted to play; I have tried before and not gotten very far. I must say after only a few months with Rick people ask me how many years I have been playing for.

I finally did it and thanks in no small part to Rick. I will use the word passion to best describe Rick's real and honest interest in helping you as a student learn. This is the key to being inspired to practice and be ready to want to improve. It also helps that he is a master on the instrument. He knows how to keep the lessons interesting, the mark of a great performer as well.

I could not be happier and continue to study under Rick Washbrook's guidance. I highly recommend if you want to play (and we all do) guitar...Rick will get you enthused and on your way."

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