



# Brandon Kennedy

Musician/Songwriter/Teacher

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Creative, experienced, and self-motivated musician with extensive experience in planning and operations. Excels at writing and performing music independently as well as in collaboration with other artists at weddings, festivals, corporate events, and private parties. Proven track record of producing original music, melodies, and songs. Able to lead various music productions while working with production, creative and client engagement teams. Possesses high levels of energy, musical proficiency, and dedication as well as a strong commitment to ensuring superior client experiences. Passionate teacher with strong communication and organizational skills.

## Areas of Expertise

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|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| ❖ Song Writing & Composition | ❖ Remote Collaboration | ❖ Effective Communications |
| ❖ Performing                 | ❖ Teaching             | ❖ Deadline Orientation     |
| ❖ Sound Engineer/Production  | ❖ Client Engagements   | ❖ Teambuilding             |

## Professional Experience

### Roberson School of Music - Columbia, MD Violin/Guitar teacher

01/2024 – present

Prepares students for high level of musical recitals at locations such as the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall. Holds lessons over a wide variety of ages in person and remotely and multiple instruments. Tracks attendance, progress and billing of clients. Responsible for selection of student repertoire, preparation methods and music career mentorship.

### Del Ray School of Music - Del Ray, VA Violin/Guitar teacher

06/2022 – 10/2023

Taught a wide range of students (4 - 65 years of age) on a variety of instruments. Held lessons both in person and via zoom/ Skype. Communicated with a wide range of students with various backgrounds and learning disabilities. Taught both technical and theoretical aspects of music and instrumentation.

### Brandon Kennedy - Catonsville, MD Musician /Performer

04/2016 – present

Effectively engaged with clients, identified needs, and delivered performances at a diverse range of events, including weddings, festivals, corporate events, and private parties throughout the east coast and Ireland. Played fiddle and guitar and performed in public as a Street Musician on weekly basis. Over 100 shows annually at pubs, vineyards, breweries and festivals. Notable YouTube presence with engagement into the 100,000's. Planned, prepared, and hosted folk history podcast with an average listenership of over 20K per episode. Conducted music sessions at a local Irish establishment on monthly basis.

- Released an album, recorded in Miltown Malbay, Ireland, by compiling an authentic collection of Irish and Scottish folk music.

### Isaac Indigo - Alexandria, VA Songwriter

10/2020 – present

Produced quality lyrics on demand for collaborative projects while liaising with other songwriters, musicians, and artists in New York, Taiwan, France, Argentina, Germany, Brazil, California, and throughout the U.S. Composed melodies and music as well as wrote songs with other writers while working remotely.

- Released a song on weekly basis for 52 weeks straight as well as provided hours of weekly feedback on material to others.

## Education

### Master of Arts in Songwriting

Berklee College of Music, Boston

### Bachelor of Arts in Songwriting and Production

Berklee College of Music, Boston

**Irish Traditional Folk Music, Fiddle** Washington DC Conservatory of Music,  
Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD

**Traditional Irish Folk Music on Piano, Guitar, and Fiddle** Mary Custy Music School,  
Ennis, Ireland

## Instruments

Guitar ▪ Fiddle ▪ Piano ▪ Vocals ▪ Bouzouki

## Courses

- Every Child Can! (Suzuki Violin Philosophy)
- 30-minute Songwriter, 2022 (the Good Talk, LLC)
- Andrea Stolpe Songwriting retreat, 2021
- Teaching the Violin and Viola (Coursera, MOOC, Northwestern University)
- Complete Vibrato Mastery (UDEMY)
- Career Readiness Mentorship (Mentor Collective)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion foundations (Moving beyond)
- SCT certification, level 6 (Honors)

## Memberships

- Comholtas Ceoltoiri Eireann, 2023-present
- Songwriting Association of Washington, D.C., 2021 to 2022
- Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club, Bethesda, MD, 2017-2019
- The Bash, 2020 to 2024

## Awards

- Ann Marie Gardens Artist in residence - 2025
- Wavy Award - Song for a Cause, 2023 (National Songwriting Competition)
- Berklee College of Music Deans list x 8
- The Bash
  - Best of 2024
  - Best of 2023
  - Best of 2022
  - Best of 2021
  - Best of 2020
  - Rapid Responder Award