

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Paul O'Brien is a singer/songwriter, instrumentalist and qualified teacher who has worked with all ages in both school and private settings for the past 20 years. At the age of 38, he emigrated with his family to Canada's Pacific Northwest. Since then, Paul has recorded three original albums: *Sacred Lines* (2006), *Plastic* (2008), which were both produced by Juno nominee Joby Baker, and *Walk Back Home* (2009), and released on the prestigious Stockfish Records label. Paul performs regularly throughout Canada and frequently tours Europe. He has conducted his songwriting and musical camps worldwide.



"Paul is both a superb teacher and fantastic musical coach..."

- Dr. Anna Atkinson, Professor of English at
Vancouver Island University



Paul also offers regular guitar lessons year round at \$47.50 per hour. For information on these lessons, please contact
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GUITAR INTENSIVE SUMMER CAMPS



JULY-AUGUST
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ABOUT THE COURSES



Paul is delighted to be able to offer several intensive guitar courses over this summer. The class sizes will be limited to ensure optimum attention to each student, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment. The camp will run Monday through Friday, with each day offering a two hour session, with the opportunity to seek additional help after each class if required. There will be a break each day, during which light refreshments shall be provided, so upon registration please inform us of any allergies.

Afternoon classes may be added in the event of increased applicants.

Paul will be offering three separate courses at the beginner, intermediate and advanced level. Each will be held in Paul's home studio with limited class sizes to ensure quality of learning. Songwriting will be explored in all three camps at varying levels, and each will have an emphasis on guitar skills. Each camp will run from 10am-12md daily for five days. Please enquire for dates.

BEGINNER GUITAR

\$175.00

You will be guaranteed to be a guitar player by the end of this week-long intensive course. Fluent in at least three guitar tunings, you will be able to tune your guitar, string your guitar and have a large vocabulary of chords at your finger tips. You will experience strumming, finger-picking and lead guitar playing. Songwriting will be explored.



Beginning...



...and enjoying.

Ages approx 8 and up.

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

\$175.00

This week is focused on building beginner level skills to a more developed level. Students will have to have had some experience of playing, and have some basic knowledge of the instrument. We will look at development of chords and alternative finger-picking patterns. Discover how to learn to play a song by ear, play a guitar solo, and how to write songs.



Songwriting..



...and gaining experience.

Ages approx 12 and up.

ADVANCED GUITAR

\$225.00

This course will take the already competent guitar player to the next level. You will learn to use the guitar as a rhythm instrument, create bass lines, learn new tunings and capo use. Time will also be spent working with sound systems, and creating a good guitar sound using amps and speakers. We will also look at the role of the guitar within a band, and for solo work, and how to use it for writing. Limited class size.



Developing...



and experimenting.

Ages approx 12 and up.