

## **Teaching Philosophy -- George Lesiw:**

I believe each student is on his or her own musical journey, whether they want to become professionals and make a living at it or just want music to enrich their life.

As a music educator, I bring a strong and refined ability to connect with students, inspire them, hone their specific needs and goals and work with them to expand their knowledge, polish their technique and progress as musicians. My own journey has brought me to this point via 25 years of intensive study and thorough practice, both in classrooms and practical experience – performing in many venues such as concert halls and festivals all over the Northeast and as far away as California, as well as producing, composing, arranging and orchestrating.

In a classroom setting, my goal is to bring the information to life by connecting the body of theory or subject to correlating moments in history and the masters who transformed these elements into musical language. While I understand students may have different musical backgrounds, I strive to breakdown complex concepts in a way in which students can easily understand it. By creatively engaging and challenging students, I hope they will leave the classroom with a deeper connection and appreciation for music.

Throughout my years of teaching, it has been very rewarding to see my students' progress and musical growth; some of which have gone on to become recording artist and professionals in the music industry.