

# Michael Cirillo

Curriculum Vitae

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I am a professional jazz violinist/fiddler/composer. I played my first paying gig at twelve and have been making my living exclusively as a musician every since. I have performed at jazz festivals across America, country music festivals throughout Europe, and played thousands of gigs in my home state of Arizona. I fiddled at Planet Hollywood in Paris and worked as a rock violinist on Sunset Strip in Hollywood. I was a featured fiddle soloist with The Phoenix Symphony, a strolling violinist on a cruise ship to Ensenada, and am currently Adjunct Faculty teaching fiddling and jazz violin at Grand Canyon University.

## Education:

- Master of Liberal Studies (science, society, and creative non-fiction writing), ASU (2006)
- Bachelor of Music in Theory and Composition, ASU (2003)
- Bachelor of Music in Performance (jazz violin), ASU (2003)
- Associate of Arts, Mesa Community College (1998)

## Awards:

- Arizona State Grand Fiddle Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- Arizona State Young Adult Division Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- Arizona State Guitar Accompanist Champion, Arizona State Fiddlers Contest (1990)
- "The Rep's Best" Country Band, The Arizona Republic (2005)

## Performed and/or Recorded with:

- The Phoenix Symphony as a featured fiddle soloist (April 25 and 26, 2015)
- country music legend Glen Campbell
- bluegrass and jazz mandolin icon David Grisman
- jazz violin legend Johnny Frigo
- Nashville dobro virtuoso Jerry Douglas

## Recent Teaching:

- Grand Canyon University: Adjunct Faculty (Fall 2018 to Present)
- Arizona State University: Jazz Violin Workshops (March 2010, April 2012, and April 2015)
- Instructor at Rolland Fiddle Camp (June 2013, July 2012, and July 2011)

## Recent Teaching Publications:

- The Cirillo Method: Toward Musical Self-Actualization (2018)
- Five Arrangements for Student String Ensembles (2011)
- The Fiddler's Journey (2008)

## Arrangement Commissioned by:

- Phoenix Symphony Concertmaster Borivoj 'Boro' Martinic-Jercic: Happy Birthday

## Media Technology Skills:

- Sonar (digital audio workstation)
- Finale (music notation and composition)
- Blender (CGI, 3D modeling, animation, compositing, video editing)
- Processing (interactive media, data visualization and sonification)
- Pure Data (algorithmic composition, sound design, interactive media)
- GIMP (bitmap image creation and manipulation)
- Inkscape (vector image creation, SVG)

## Computer Language Skills:

- JavaScript, HTML, CSS, SVG, PHP, Python, Processing, Mathematica, C#, Java, Pure Data, musicXML

## Selected Performances:

This is a partial list of performances.  
I usually gig 3 to 7 shows a week in various styles and venues.  
A complete list would be unwieldy.

### (2001 – 2019)

- Adjunct Faculty @ Grand Canyon University (Fall 2018 – Spring 2019)
- Every week at the Rockin' R Ranch dinner theatre (summer 2015 to December 1, 2018)
- The Big Iron Band @ Old Tucson (July 16, 2018)
- Corner Brook Arts and Culture Centre - Newfoundland, Canada (April 14, 2018)
- Gander Arts and Culture Centre - Newfoundland, Canada (April 13, 2018)
- Holy Heart Theatre – Newfoundland, Canada (April 12, 2018)
- The Big Iron Band @ Green Valley, AZ CPAC (March 3, 2018)
- Cocopah Casino River Room – Yuma, AZ (January 27, 2018)
- Granbury Opera House @ Granbury, TX (January 20-21, 2018)
- Featured Soloist with The Phoenix Symphony @ Symphony Hall (April 25 and 26, 2015)
- Jazz Violin Workshop @ Arizona State University (March 31, 2015)
- "Mike Cirillo's Hot Club of Arizona" @ Garden City, Kansas (March 13–14, 2015)
- 'The Amazing McNasty Brothers' @ The Mining Camp (November 4, 2014–May 2, 2015)
- 'The Album Project: Jagged Little Pill' @ Nearly Naked Theatre (September 6-14, 2014)
- 'Big River' @ Mesa Arts Center for Mesa Encore Theater (April 4 – April 20, 2014)
- Fiddle/Jazz Violin Clinic at The Music Store, Mesa, Arizona (February 17, 2014)
- 'The Mike Cirillo Ensemble' on KTAR Radio (February 15, 2014)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor – Hermits Basin, Colorado (June 23-29, 2013)
- Phoenix Musicians Music Hall with Mike Breen and the Big Dream (June 4, 2013)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor – Hermits Basin, Colorado (July 2012)
- ASU Alternative Violin Performance and Pedagogy Workshop (April 21, 2012)
- Rolland Fiddle Camp: Instructor - Hermit Basin, Colorado (July 2011)
- Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden - Phoenix, Arizona (March 22, 2010)
- ASU Alternative Violin Performance and Pedagogy Workshop (March 9, 2010)
- el Pedregal: Jazz Concert Series – Scottsdale, Arizona (February 22, 2009)
- Warm up act for Beach Boys Concert – Verrado, Arizona (November 4, 2008)
- Tucson Jazz Society, Jazz Under the Stars – Tucson, Arizona (May 7, 2006)
- Team Country Cup 2005 – Roeser, Euro Luxemburg (July 23, 2005)
- 14th Correggio Country Music Festival – Correggio, Italy (July 17, 2005)
- Country Music Festival – Tullins, France (July 16, 2005)
- Arizona Café – Paris, France (July 14, 2005)
- Coors Cowboy Ranch Rodeo – Amarillo, Texas (June 2-4, 2005)
- Planet Hollywood Paris - Paris, France (May 3, 2005)
- Vitamina Circus Lonestar Time – Imola, Italy (April 24, 2005)
- Disneyland Paris – Paris, France (April 22, 2005)
- Arizona Café – Paris, France (April 21, 2005)
- Festival off Printemps de Bourges – Bourges, France (April 20, 2005)
- Berger Theater – Tucson, Arizona (September 11, 2004)
- Festival de Country Music de Berck sur Mer – Berck sur Mer, France (July 4, 2004)
- Coors Cowboy Ranch Rodeo – Amarillo, Texas (June 2-4, 2004)
- Tucson Folk Festival – Tucson, Arizona (May 1, 2004)
- Kerr Cultural Center – Scottsdale, Arizona (February 4, 2004)
- The Saddle Ranch Chop House – Hollywood, California (Nightly, Summer 2003)

**(1991 – 2000)**

- The Red River Music Hall – Tempe, Arizona (between 2 and 9 shows per week for 9 years)

**(1988 – 1991)**

- Mike Cirillo Ensemble, Kerr Cultural Center – Scottsdale, Arizona (October 11, 1991)
- Sacramento Jazz Festival – Sacramento, California (June 3, 1990)
- Redding Jazz Festival – Redding, California (April 6-8, 1990)
- Jazz Conference – Albuquerque, New Mexico (February 11, 1990)
- Scottsdale Dixieland Jazz Festival – Scottsdale, Arizona (November 24-26, 1989)
- Wyndam Hotel Jazz Festival – Palm Springs, California (December 29-31, 1989)
- Jazz Festival Invasion – San Diego, California (November 24-26, 1989)
- San Francisco Jazz Festival – San Francisco, California (September 9-10, 1989)
- Essex Jazz Festival – Essex, Connecticut (August 11-13, 1989)
- Jazz Festival on the AZURE SEAS of the Admiral Cruise Line (July 28-31, 1989)
- Sacramento Jazz Festival – Sacramento, California (May 26-29, 1989)
- Tampa Florida Jazz Festival – Tampa, Florida (September 1-5, 1988)
- San Juan Jazz Festival – Friday harbor, Washington (July 22-24, 1988)
- Sixth Annual Gold Nugget Jazz Festival – Reno, Nevada (July 2-4, 1988)