

Joel Styzens

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Education:

Millikin University, 2003: Bachelor's of Music with emphasis in Music Business & Percussion

Awards:

- Chicago O'Hare International Airport 2011 Music Selection (*Relax Your Ears*)
- *Relax Your Ears* named Best Classical Pick and Top Seller by CD Baby for Aug. 2010
- CD Baby's Editor's Pick & 5/5 Stars for 2009 release, *Relax Your Ears*
- Second place in the Indie International Songwriters Contest for "A-Sharp" (*Relax Your Ears*)
- *Relax Your Ears* selected by the American Tinnitus Association as first featured music album
- Talent Seekers International 2010 Award recipient in the 2009-2010 Top Music Award category
- *Relax Your Ears* accepted by the Pandora Radio review team
- Bluelight group national Finalist (New York, 2004)
- Roger Shuller Jazz Award (Millikin University, 2003)

Selected Publications:

- Chicago Tribune: "Sounding the call for tinnitus sufferers" (Jan 12, 2011)
(Interview about the local tinnitus support group I started)
- Time Out Chicago, 2010 Classical year in review: "A Classic Year" (Featured artist, Jan 2, 2011)
- Time Out Chicago Magazine: "Tinnitus soldier" (Jun 12, 2010)
- American Tinnitus International Journal: A Music Teacher's Battle with Tinnitus and Hyperacusis (Apr 18, 2010)
- National Music Examiner: "The Avatar: Joel Styzens turns painful noise into music" (Apr 2, 2010)
- UK Hearing Times: "Music to your ears" (Feb 5, 2010)

Selected Recordings:

- *Resonance: Joel Styzens, featuring Sophie Webber* (In progress. Spring 2012 release.)
- *Relax Your Ears* - Joel Styzens (composer, guitarist)
- *Travel and Teacups* - Heather Styka (producer, instrumentalist)
- *Law of Attraction* - 56 Hope Road (drum programming for "Too Tall")
- Radio Spot for 56 Hope Road that aired on Chicago's Q101 Radio (producer/recording engineer)

Commercial/Film Work:

- Film score for "Visitor" with Chicago International Film Festival winner Miguel Silveira
- 10 second open/closer sting for Check, Please TV (appeared on NBC-5 Chicago & checkplease.tv)
- 30 second Latin sting (appeared on NBC-5 Chicago & checkplease.tv)
- 30 second Middle Eastern sting, 30 second Asian sting, 30 second Italian sting, 30 second Eastern European sting, 30 second French sting (appeared on checkplease.tv)
- Three forwards to CMH Records through A&R company, TAXI
- Percussion featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* (2008)

Selected Live performance:

- WGN-TV Midday News: featured interview and live performance (Dec. 3, 2010)
- Chicago Public Radio: live performance and interview on Eight Forty-Eight (Jun. 11, 2010)
- Old Town School Concert Hall, 350+ in attendance (June 11, 2010)
- Evanston Space (August 17 and September 12, 2010)
- Various live performances & interviews on Chicago's WNUR "Airplay" and "Folk" radio shows
- Chicago Folk and Roots Festival (July 11, 2009)
- Various live performances at the Green Mill and T.V. performances, including Fox News, with Grammy Nominated Saxophonist Frank Catalano
- Performed with Grammy-nominated trumpeter Ron Haynes (from the Lenny Kravitz band)
- Featured at the 2003 International Percussive Arts Society convention, Millikin University Percussion Ensemble
- International Dominican Republic tour with the award winning Jazz group, One Voice (2003)
- International Dominican Republic tour with the Millikin University Wind Ensemble (2002)