

Bio: Guitarist Tom Becker

Guitarist Tom Becker is new to the music faculty at the Music Academy of Kansas City and is excited to work alongside other esteemed colleagues at MAKC. Tom also maintains an active guitar studio at Baker University where he teaches classical, jazz, and popular guitar styles to music majors, music minors, and non-majors; he also teaches a methods-of-teaching guitar class for education majors, as well as an elective guitar class.

Tom also has a professional and academic background in guitar performance. Professionally, Tom toured as a classical guitarist for over a dozen years, which include solo performances, collaborations with orchestra, guitar duo, guitar quartet, guitar and solo voice, and guitar and harmonica. Academically, Tom holds a Master of Arts degree in guitar performance from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, a Bachelor of Music in guitar performance from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and he also attended the contemporary music school Berklee College of Music, which is where he gained his broad knowledge of jazz, and popular guitar.