

# KEVEN EKNES

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## PROFILE

Passionate and eccentric guitarist. I read music notation above average. Very strong solo- and improvisational skills with a major focus on sound and effects with a broad rhythmic vocabulary.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Professional Guitarist

- Lead guitarist for **Smoky Mountain Opry**, 1,400 seat theater featuring *Feel the Music* (2017) a multi-million dollar production variety show. Performed 9 shows weekly with guitar and aerial features.
- Artist Exhibitor during the **NAMM Show** for *Voodoo Lab* (Nashville 2017); *Rockbox Electronics* (Anaheim 2016/17).
- *Bandleader*/lead guitarist for Cedar Point's **Luminosity** (2015, 2016), their multi-million dollar nighttime production. Bandleader roles, aerial training and performances added for the 2016 season.
- Live guitarist for festivals including International Guitar Festival of Great Britain; tours including Rockin' Road to Dublin 40 city *national tour*; events including **Gardeball** (Norway Majesty's Guards ball); house band guitarist include Sandnes Bluesklubb.
- Recording guitarist for Harry Murrell (Sony Artist), **National Geographics** (Soundtrack by Peder Barratt-Due), Erin Jarvis (Green Eyes), RR2D (Official Cast Recording) and more.
- Composing, arranging/producing and performing for solo project EP Extraterrestrial (2013), Singles: Falls (2014), Fifths (2014), While We Wait (2014).

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## AWARDS AND HONORS

<b>Tom Wilhelmsen Stiftelse Endowment</b> <i>Norwegian national award given «gifted young artists».</i>	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
<b>G9alt Award</b> <i>«Norwegian multi-regional award set to support outstanding creative minds from regions Rogaland, Agder and Hordaland.»</i>	2014, 2016
<b>Berklee Performance Division Award, «Outstanding Musicianship»</b> <i>«Nominated to receive award by Faculty, Chair(s) and Dean based on outstanding achievement in major and contributions to the Guitar department»</i>	2015
<b>Berklee World Tour Scholarship</b> <i>International Award: «Each year, Berklee travels the globe in search of those talented musicians we feel will be an excellent match with the college»</i>	2014
<b>Berklee Writing and Composition Scholarship</b> <i>International Award: «... designed to provide applicants an opportunity to have their music-writing abilities taken into consideration.»</i>	2014
<b>Helgøleiren Guitar Idol</b> <i>Guitar soloing competition.</i>	2014
<b>City of Sandnes Honorary Recognition Award</b> <i>Norwegian regional award given yearly to one notable musician in the city of Sandnes.</i>	2013
<b>PwC Talent Award</b> <i>Norwegian regional award nominated by top local musicians, awarded after a live audition performance.</i>	2013

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## ARTIST ENDORSEMENTS

<b>Strandberg Guitars</b> (2017 - Present)	<b>Victory Amplification</b> (2017 - Present)
<b>JBE Guitar Pickups</b> (2017 - Present)	<b>Voodoo Lab</b> (2017 - Present)
<b>Gravity Guitar Picks</b> (2016 - Present)	<b>Fractal Audio</b> (2017 - Present)
<b>Rockbox Electronics</b> (2016 - Present)	

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## EDUCATION

<b>Berklee College of Music</b>	Boston, MA	2014-2016
• One of three students awarded the <u>Artist's Diploma</u> , Berklee's most prestigious performance program available by invitation only.		
<b>Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts</b>	Liverpool, UK	2012-2013
• Certificate of Higher Education at Paul McCartney's renowned LIPA.		