

## MUSIC STUDENT REVIEWS

“My 13 year old son has been taking lessons with Richard for 3 years. Richard is a great teacher and has an uncanny ability to make learning the banjo interesting, challenging, and a lot of fun. Plus He’s a great guy.”

Rich H. Westfield NJ

“I have been taking lessons from Richard Stillman for a year. He is a patient and inspiring teacher who listens to what his students want and adjusts his teaching accordingly. When I get stuck in between lessons, I can call him for advice. He will record difficult passages online so you can reference them while practicing. If you want to play a particular style of music he will find pieces for you. He is also an extremely talented musician and performer, with an impressive list of instruments that he has mastered. I highly recommend him.

Julia L. Montclair, NJ

“When I decided to put my old tenor banjo back in playing condition, I also decided to take some lessons, being a slow learner and already in my 70’s. I found Richard on the web and called him thinking he could recommend a tenor banjo teacher here in northern Virginia. Instead we ended up doing lessons on Skype, which works great. Richard is a patient and understanding teacher who puts up with my deficiencies. He is always on time and always prepared. He frequently follows up the lesson with a quick MP3 so I can practice correctly. I am getting comfortable with the instrument, learning to read music, and able to find notes on the fretboard. As soon as I finish mastering the banjo, I am going to take bagpipe lessons from him. Or ukulele. Or tinwhistle.”

Dave W. Virginia

“I’ve been taking lessons with Richard for a little over a year now. I’ve been taking lessons for various instruments since I was in middle school and Richard is without a doubt one of the greatest teachers I’ve ever had. His words of encouragement have made learning the banjo not only easy to get through the hard times but fun as well. My lesson days have become one of the highlights of my week. My girlfriend has even booked him for her senior center where she works. I would HIGHLY recommend Richard.”

Jason R. Sparta, NJ

“Working with Richard has been very rewarding for me. Trying to learn my first instrument has been a lot of fun, but as I began studying on my own, I realized how challenging it can be to learn proper mechanics and technique, read music and learn music theory.

Richard has been instrumental in helping me to assimilate all these areas efficiently. He has been able to help me identify my strengths, highlight what needs to be improved, provide insight and guidance as to practice methods and is consistently encouraging. He is dedicated, passionate and makes learning fun. I look forward to my weekly lessons and can’t recommend Him highly enough. Just don’t take my time slot!”

Ross R. Westfield, NJ