

JAMES BARRS

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Education **Northwestern University** 2022
Bachelor of Arts // GPA: 3.718
Music & English Literature - Double Major
Concentrations: Classical Guitar and Audio Engineering
Dean's List Recipient: 2018, 2020, 2021

Awards

Broadcast Education & Development Scholarship 2024
Colorado Broadcasters Association

WNUR 89.3FM Willis L. Butler Leadership Award 2022
Northwestern University

Summer Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient 2021
Northwestern University

Marton L. Carroll Guitar Grant 2018
St. Louis Classical Guitar

Selected Recent Works (*click to listen*)

[Everything Ends in Darkness | 2024](#)

[The Plan | 2023](#)

[Visions of the Amtrak | 2022](#)

[Man After Man | 2021](#)

[Sonic Portrait of Chicago | 2021](#)

[Rainy Day in the City | 2020](#)

Teachers

Frank Rumoro - Frank J. Rumoro Jazz Guitar Academy

Anne Waller - Northwestern University

Kirk Hanser - St. Louis Academy for Guitar

Alyssa Catlin - St. Louis Academy for Guitar

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Teaching Experience

Private Guitar Instructor <i>Carbondale, CO</i>	Sept 2023 - March 2025
Guitar Pedagogy + Supervised Teaching <i>Northwestern University, Evanston, IL</i>	Sept 2020 - May 2022

Work Experience

Performing Musician <i>Recent Performances:</i> James Barrs, Steve's Guitars, Carbondale, CO, September 2023 James Barrs, Beat Kitchen, Chicago, IL, September 2023 Lead Guitarist, Shamrock Pub, St. Louis, March 2023 James Barrs, Sterling, Aspen, CO, Residency, January-Feb 2023 Lead Guitarist, Gman Tavern, Chicago, IL, September 2022 Northwestern Guitar Showcase, Evanston, IL, May 2021	Sept 2018 - Present
KVNF <i>Audio Producer</i>	March 2025 - Present
Graveyard Cat Recordings <i>Founder</i>	July 2024 - Present
Aspen Public Radio <i>Community Engagement Producer</i>	Sept 2022 - Present
WNUR 89.3 <i>General Manager</i>	July 2021 - July 2022
Bienen School of Music <i>Technical & Recording Staff</i>	Mar 2020 - Dec 2021
Gravity Studios <i>Intern</i>	May - Oct 2019

Skills

Guitar, Music Theory, Composition, Pro Tools, Logic Pro, Adobe Suite, Ableton, iZotope, Finale, Max MSP, JUCE, Mic Techniques, Digital & Analog Mixing & Mastering, Film Sound Design, Studio Signal Flow