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Mike's first musical memory was hearing his mother play the piano. She caught him listening and sat him down at the piano and showed him a couple of fingering positions for Beethoven: Moonlight Sonata and Für Elise. This classical beginning led to lessons and an interest in all styles of music.

When his older brother began playing the piano, Mike turned to the guitar, which mysteriously showed up in the house.

When they got older, his brother introduced him to his favorite artists and took Mike to a number of concerts: John Hammond, Sonny Terry, Brownie McGee, Big Momma Thornton, Big Joe Williams, John Fahey, Bert Jansch.

Seeing John Hammond when he was a sophomore in high school inspired Mike because it was the first time he had seen a man with a guitar and a harmonica and a whole lot of soul, punching it out on stage and moving the whole crowd.

Mike then went on to find his own people: Leo Kottke, John Mayall, Taj Mahal, Hot Tuna, Bob Dylan, Doc Watson, Leonard Cohen, Johnny Winter, Crosby Stills and Nash and Neil Young.



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His music was heavily influenced by his time in Hawaii. He loved slack-key guitar. The people were warm and inviting and he learned to sit back and listen and let the music speak its own story. They traded styles: he taught them country picking, open-tuning slide guitar finger-style.

He learned to love the music of Maui: Gabby Pahinui, Beamer brothers, Olamana and random locals he met. In person, he saw Gabby and partied with him at a luau. He met Danny from the group Olamana and they exchanged riffs. He met many musicians passing through Maui: Leo Kottke, Kenny Rankin, Batdorff and Rodney. He met Dee Murray from Elton John's band and saw Stevie Wonder and Joni Mitchell at Nick's Fish Market.

He tried different musical stylings with a friend he had met in Hawaii and tried to jump on board with some of that but found it wasn't his style and he couldn't do it. He found his musical voice was the instrumental style, slack-key and slide.

In the mid to late 1980s, he played music at the Saturday Market in Portland, Oregon with his young family. They also performed at state fairs and events, got on TV once or twice and even made the front page of the New York Times entertainment section.

After being introduced to Eric Clapton's music, he began learning that style and the next thing he knew he was playing Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Mike had been playing around twenty years in the mid 1990s when he started playing the Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute show. He heard Riviera Paradise on the radio at work and it just stopped in his tracks. He did the Stevie show for four years, from 1997-2001.

In 2009, Mike made his way to California. He slowed down his playing, attending open mics and worked with a band called the Blues Prints. He also did solo work at parties and local bars. In 2017, he got a call from a local songwriter and musician who needed a guitar player and began a project called Plum Nelly Music: folk, blues, jazz and gypsy jazz-inspired riffs. He's been focusing on originals and the music they began writing together.

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Sample Song List #1

Crosscut Saw	Eric Clapton
Reptile	Eric Clapton
Signe	Eric Clapton
Karolientje	Antonio Carlos Jobim
I Keep Fallin'	Original
No One Like You	Original
What Ya Gonna Do	Original
Amie	Pure Prairie League
Dixie Chicken	Little Feat
Franklins Tower	Grateful Dead
Up On Cripple Creek	The Band
The Weight	The Band
Let It Rain	Eric Clapton
Give Up On Love	Stevie Ray Vaughan
Old Love	Eric Clapton
Gotta Serve Somebody	Bob Dylan
Azul Para Amparo	Charlie Musslewhite
Surf Rider	The Ventures
Agua De Beber	Antonio Carlos Jobim
Agua	
Swing in Minor	Antonio Carlos Jobim
The Reapers Rag	Original
When Your Heart	Original
Let It Grow	Eric Clapton
The Sky Is Crying	Stevie Ray Vaughan
Bell Bottom Blues	Eric Clapton
Fly Fishin'	Original
Dengue Woman Blues	Jimmy Vaughan
One Step Up	Bruce Springsteen

Sample Song List #2

Angie	Bert Jansch
Windy and Warm	Doc Watson
Classical Gas	Mason Williams
Mood for a Day	Steve Howe
The Fisherman	Leo Kottke
Bean Time	Leo Kottke
Walk Away Renee	The Left Banke
Little Martha	Dwayne Allman
The Irish Girl	Adrian Legg
Embryonic Journey	Jefferson Airplane
Dark Was the Night	Ry Cooder
Sailor's Grave	Leo Kottke
Jesu	Bach
Both Sides Now	Joni Mitchell
Lion	John Fahey
Steamboat	John Fahey
Busted Bicycle	Leo Kottke
Poor Boy	John Fahey
Great Dreams	Ry Cooder
Yellow Princess	John Fahey
Hesitation Blues	Hot Tuna
Dime for Beer	Hot Tuna
Blackbird	The Beatles
Hide Your Love Away	The Beatles
Ain't That Lovin' You	John Hammond
All Right Mama	Elvis
Police Dog Blues	Ry Cooder
Vigilante Man	Ry Cooder
Buckets of Rain	Bob Dylan
Don't Think Twice	Bob Dylan
Malted Milk	Robert Johnson
Just Pickin'	Original
Creases	Original
Lovers Fantasy	Original
Sun, Moon and Stars	Original
Questionable Soul	Original
HMS Fairbanks	Original

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CV (Curriculum Vitae)

California

The Fret House
The Boars Head
San Diego Folk Festival
Pelican Bay
Gilhoolys Bar and Grill
Coffee Depot
Big Cheese Pizza
Plum House
Escape Brewery
Ritual Brewery
State Street Winery
Canyon Crest Winery
Royal Falconer
Taylors Bar and Grill
Art In The Park
Attic Art
Loma Linda University
VFW Highland
Redlands Bowl Association
Rotary Club Star Search
ProAbition

Hawaii

Hole In The Wall
Lahaina Yacht Club
Chucks Steak House
Rusty Harpoon
Hana Solstice Festival
Nicks Fish House
Lamplighter Café
Happy Valley Inn
Seven Seas Inn
Blue Max
Pioneer Inn
Napili Kai Beach Club

Oregon

Artquake
Salem State Fair
Elusive Trout Pub
Portland Saturday Market

Washington

Green Meadows Golf Club

Vermont

Fat City

Nevada

Alturas Blues Club
Cantina Los Tres Hombres
Silver Peak Brewery
Great Basin Brewery
Hot August Nights
Rib Cook Off
Sparks Downtown Christmas
Reno Chili Cook Off
Davidsons Distillery
Big Eds Bar and Grill
West 2nd St Bar
Organizer/Producer
Senior Pro Blues Jam of
Northern NV

Host

Open Mic Acoustic Music NV
Open Mic Blues Jam NV

Founding Member

Texas Flood Tribute(SRV)Band
Like Father/Like Daughters
family band
Plum Nelly Music

Lead Guitarist

Blues Prints band

Opening For

Ray Wiley Hubbard
Tom Wopat

TV appearance

Lelanis Hula Show, Maui

Recordings

Wrote and recorded
commercial jingle for Ed and
Dons Ice Cream, Maui

Fundraisers

Queen Theatre Variety Show,
Maui
Center for Independent Living
fund raiser
Northern NV Arthritis
Foundation

Discography

Outta Nowhere 2019
Ice Dance 2019
That's the Life 2018

Education

Attended MtSAC JC Music
Major

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