

# Nathan J. Hooper

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## SUMMARY

1. Nashville-trained multi-instrumentalist. Featured instruments include acoustic and electric guitar, bass, mandolin, drums, and piano.
2. Private and group-led music instructor in both the Nashville-area and Auburn, AL markets.

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## EDUCATION

- Auburn High School, Auburn, AL – *Graduating May 2023*
- Cumulative weighted Grade Point Average: **3.9318** (*calculated over grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>*)
- ACT Superscore: **28**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

2021–22 (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade) **Camp Counselor and Music Instructor**  
**Spicer’s Rock Camp, Auburn, AL**

- Employed as youth counselor and guitar instructor to regularly scheduled summer music instructional camps, *Rock Camp Pro, Rock Camp, Rock Camp Junior, and Camp Kazoo*. Student participants ranged in age from 3 to 17.

Specific duties included serving as lead songwriter and small-group instructor. Served as group leader and presenter on specific instruments (*guitar, ukulele, and percussion instruments*); assisted in the set-up and tear-down of all assembled instrumentation and microphone equipment used for week-ending camp wide performance event at Auburn University’s Peet Theater.

2021 (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) **Private Guitar Lesson Instructor**  
**Home Studio, Auburn, AL**

- Provided private, one-on-one lessons on both the acoustic and electric guitar to Auburn area high school students. Showcased a variety of playing styles based on the student’s musical interests and abilities. Developed lesson-material from both formal instructional material and customized music chart content. Instructions emphasized specific strategies and techniques in music theory.

2017 – 2018 **Assistant Instructor**  
**Nashville Guitar Academy, Nolensville, TN**

- Employed as *Assistant Instructor* of guitar for one of Nashville’s leading music instruction academies. Worked directly with the lead instructor and academy owner on profiling a variety of styles and techniques needed to improve the player’s speed and agility. Led small-group instruction that showcased a variety of difficulty levels to students.

Assisted in all advance-work associated with conducting quarterly guitar recitals. These events were used to showcase the student’s growth and advancement in playing. Recitals also served as a critical live-performance activity that allowed instructors to evaluate if students were ready to advance to more challenging levels. Made recommendations to senior instructors on which students were ready for placement into more advanced classes.

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## ACTIVITIES

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Aug. 2020 – Present (10<sup>th</sup> - present) **Artist, Play it Back Music Program**

*Host agency: Teen Cancer America, Los Angeles, CA*

- Nathan is a featured music artist with the Los Angeles-based non-profit, *Teen Cancer America*. [Artist profile: <https://teencanceramerica.org/play-it-back-music-program/nathan-hooper/>]

This agency is dedicated to “increasing survival and improving the lives of adolescent and young adults (AYA)” who are actively engaged in cancer recovery treatment. Founded by Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend from the legendary rock band **The Who** [Link: <https://teencanceramerica.org/about-us/our-founders/>], Teen Cancer America’s *Play It Back* music program uses music therapy as a principal tool in a highly structured recovery plan.

The program provides artists with weekly online creative sessions with an LA-based recording producer. They collaborate to create fully produced songs which are compiled into digital recordings to be distributed online and manufactured into CD and vinyl LP recordings. To-date, Nathan has completed a total of (11) original and fully produced songs.

2020 – Present (9<sup>th</sup> grade - present) **Guitarist**

**Auburn High School Jazz Ensemble, Auburn, AL**

- Successfully completed three academic years as an active participant in Auburn High School’s Jazz Ensemble. Playing a mix of traditional and improvisational material, Nathan frequently performed as a featured soloist in numerous school and community-based concerts.

His selection to this ensemble required the completion of an audition and involved significant practice sessions in the run-up to planned performances.

2022 (11<sup>th</sup> grade, Summer)

**Architecture Camp Participant**

**Auburn University Summer Enrichment Program, Auburn, AL**

- Successfully completed a week-long *deep immersion* summer camp that presented professional architecture career skills to student participants. Specific skill sets learned include free-hand sketching, 3D modeling, and assessing/designing load-bearing structures.

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## AWARDS / HONORS

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- National Honor Society, 2022 (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Mu Alpha Theta, National Mathematics Honor Society, 2020 (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Hands for Holly Kids with Cancer Got Talent Contest, 3<sup>rd</sup> place finalist, Feb. 2022 (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Lake Martin Songwriters Festival, Songwriters *Under 20* Contest, 4<sup>th</sup> place. Tallapoosa County, AL, July 2022 (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

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## PERFORMANCES

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- **Foothills Festival**, Jasper AL, featured lead guitarist with **St. Paul and the Broken Bones**, Sept. 2021 (11<sup>th</sup> grade). Performed (as encores) *Apollo*, *Call Me*. Video: <https://youtu.be/4pF2-Rpfj9Q>
- Performer, vocals and guitar, Open Mic Night, *The Jailhouse*, Opelika, AL 2022- present (11<sup>th</sup> grade-present) video: <https://youtu.be/e-dQthP7Dpg>
- **Lake Martin Songwriter’s Festival**, Tallapoosa County, AL. Performer- vocals, and guitar in *Songwriters under 20* Contest, July 2022 (11<sup>th</sup> grade) video: <https://youtu.be/C8Qi0sFPMhc>
- Band Leader for local 3-piece rock band, **Fools No Longer**. Provides lead vocals, lead guitar, bass, and percussion. Played for private event at Red Clay Brewery, Opelika, AL Dec. 2021. Genres: rock, blues, jazz, folk, and more. (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

*References available upon request*