

Nigel Valle is a professional musician that comes from a strong tradition of jazz excellence, education, and mentorship in New Orleans. Experiencing and absorbing the culture and sounds of the musically rich city as he grew up, Nigel first picked up a guitar at the age of twelve and began to explore a wide variety of music. He was accepted into the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) where he studies jazz with New Orleans greats such as Michael Peller and Chris Severin. He also was influenced and has received instructions from guitar legends such as Dave Stryker, Brain Seeger, and Davy Mooney. To further his education prowess, Nigel has attended several institutional music programs on scholarships: Louis Armstrong Camp, Sanaa Music Workshop, Skidmore Jazz, and the famous Berklee 5-week intensive. Most notably, He was selected to participate in the Herbie Hancock Institute's National Peer-to-Peer Jazz Sextet. During the week long tour in Rhode Island, he had the honor to play along side world renowned Don Braden and Lisa Henry. Having played in the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, French Quarter Festival, and Funk Festival, Nigel now performs gigs regularly in the New Orleans area and has since played in a countless number of settings.