



# Jason Turk CV

## Primary School Music Teacher

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### Teaching and Music Management Experience

- Over 10 years music teaching experience both privately, for schools and for Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE)
- Teaching 1st to 6th class students at Scoil Ursula Primary School Blackrock for 4 years. On Whistle, Recorder and Keyboard.
- Teaching Classes on Mandolin, Guitar, Harmonica and Tin Whistle in Sunday's Well Girls' School as well as leading a Grúpa Cheoil with some of the most promising students in the school.
- 7 Years Teaching for the CCE branch in Midleton where students are taught up to grade 8 standard with the LCM (London College of Music) Examinations in traditional Irish Music.
- Organised and taught in private music classes in Lismore for eight years.
- A lot of experience organising concerts, including the "Music for a Summer Evening" concert series in Lismore as well as establishing and directing the Capriccio Music Society in UCC which is dedicated to organising concerts and which won four awards in its first year including Best Small Society in UCC.
- Proficient at teaching Tin Whistle, Flute, Recorder, Fiddle, Accordion, Harmonica, Piano and Mandolin.

### Personal Profile

- Flexibility: In my years teaching in primary schools I have accompanied students to many external events such as the UCC Bridging the Gap final performance, Lifelong Learning exhibition in Mahon and the School Music Showcase organised by Cork School of Music.
- My skills as an accompanist have also been in demand for accompanying School Musicals, Confirmations, Communion and End of year Mass.
- Teaching Style: My teaching method has always been focused on making the classes enjoyable for the students. I get a lot of positive feedback from the class teachers saying the students look forward to my lessons. I do this through varying the instrumental tuition with rhythm training exercises and games, theory and general musical awareness.

### Qualifications

- BA Arts/Music UCC 1st Class Honours UCC 2006
- MSC in Interactive Media UCC 2009 (Project was an online interactive music teaching tool for use by students and by teachers in the classroom, Now in use by students and other teachers)
- Currently studying for the Licentiate London College of Music (LLCM) performance qualification in classical piano.
- Winner of Cork County Council Bursary Award at Midleton Féile 2006
- RIAM (Royal Irish Academy of Music) High Achievers Award 2004 - Piano
  - One of 19 musicians out of 35,000 selected by audition to perform at the Royal Irish Academy of Music Gala Concert in Dublin for President McAleese. December 2004.
- RIAM (Royal Irish Academy of Music) Gold Medal – piano
- RIAM Silver Medal – concert flute
- Represented Munster at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil 2009 Munster Fleadh Cheoil on Piano Accordion, and County Waterford winner on Whistle and Flute.
- Bene Merente awarded by the UCC Societies Guild and placed on academic transcript for organising the Capriccio Music Society in UCC.

### Referees:

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