

# FRANCISCO SUÁREZ

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## **EDUCATION:**

- **B.M. Berklee College of Music**, Boston, MA **Bachelor of Music**, major in Commercial Arranging, graduated **Summa Cum Laude** (1995)  
Received **Commercial Arranging Department Achievement Award**. (1994)
- Currently pursuing **Master Certificate in Orchestration for Film and TV** (Berklee online) (date of completion: summer **2017**)
- **Studies with:** **Herb Pomeroy** (arranging and jazz composition); **Jerry Bergonzi** (Jazz Improvisation, private); **Ray Santisi** and **Jeff Covell** (Jazz Piano); **Gary Burton** (Jazz Improvisation, Berklee online), **Dave Limina** (Rock& Blues keyboards, Berklee online) **David Fuentes** (Classical Composition) **Charlie Banacos** (jazz improvisation)
- **Early Music studies:** Conservatorio de Música "Escuela Moderna" Santiago, Chile, 10 years of classical piano studies. 1980/90

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- **Fran Suárez Piano Trío:** Leader, pianist and composer, contemporary jazz, "Imaginario" released April 2014. Second CD recorded July 2016, soon to be released (March 2017).
- **Grant** given by **SGAE** (Spanish Society of Authors and Publishers) for composing the new music for the trio (2016)
- **Organist and Composer** with "**Dr. GO**" trio (2010/16) CD "Noctámbulos" recorded at Nomada 57 studio, Barcelona.

*More than a hundred performances in jazz clubs, festivals and venues in Spain presenting the latest records with both trios.*

- **Jazz a l' Estudi:** Recorded three one-hour jazz programs for **Catalonian National TV** (TV3), as a pianist with different jazz and southamerican artists, and as an organist / composer with his own group. (2011/2013)
- **Composer** for the show "**Cruïlles**" premiered 10/2011 at *Mercat de les Flors*, Barcelona.
- **Composer** for the film "**Asmita**" premiered 12/2010 in Barcelona.
- **Pianist** with "**Ana Finger Quintet**" (2008/2011)
- **Pianist and Hammond organ** with *Dani Nello Cuarteto y Noneto* (2006 up to now) Concerts all over Catalunya (shows in Barcelona's *Auditori* y Festival de Terrassa 2009, among others)
- **Pianist and accordionist** for the play "**L'Auca del Senyor Esteve**" **TNC Teatre Nacional de Catalunya**, 2010.
- **Pianist** for "**Dani Nello 4**" y "**Nello/Swanson Noneto**" CDs (2007 y 2008)
- **Arranger, composer and pianist** for **Ana Finger's "Ciudades Lejanas"** CD (Fresh Sound Records, 2006)
- **Musical director, arranger, and staff composer** for **Edebé Publishing Company**, Barcelona. Wrote arrangements for more than 100 songs, wrote scores for 15 audiobooks, and was the artistic producer for 12 CDs. Recorded at *Estudi 84*, Barcelona. 1998/2003

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- **Berklee College of Music**, campus Valencia, **Faculty member** 2012/16  
Harmony and Ear training teacher
- **Conservatori del Liceu**, Barcelona, Spain 2009/16  
Faculty member, teaching Piano, Contemporary Harmony and Jazz Composition teacher  
Currently teaching at the **Master in Música Aplicada (Master in Music for visual media)**.
- **Taller de Musics**, Barcelona. Piano and Harmony teacher. 2002/09
- **Arranging/ensemble teacher** for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th editions of Summer Program "*Escola de Mestres*" (oriented towards enhancing arranging and playing skills for high school music teachers)
- "**Música Activa**" **Music School**, Barcelona. Ensemble, piano and arranging teacher. 1998/2012  
More than 70 arrangements written specifically targeting the musical abilities and needs of students at this school.

- **Berklee College of Music**, Learning Lab (150 Mass Ave. Campus) 1993/95  
Individual tutoring sessions in subjects such as Arrangements, Harmony, Counterpoint and Ear training. Computer Lab Monitor (MIDI and music applications)

### **OTHER SKILLS:**

Alongside my main instrument (piano), I've been playing bass, drums and guitar for over 15 years, with professional gigs and recordings done as a multi instrumentalist.

**Electric bass**, as a second instrument. Studies with Rich Appleman (Berklee Online, 2016)

**Drums studies** with Roberto Gamaza from 1999 up to 2005.

**Guitar studies** with Scotty Johnson (Berklee online, 2016)

**Music-related computer skills:** Specialized music production courses taken at Berklee online:  
Producing music with **Logic**, Video editing with **Final Cut Pro**. Advance **Finale** user.

Vast experience producing professional results using music technology.

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### **Web pages:**

[www.franciscosuarezpiano.com](http://www.franciscosuarezpiano.com) (my professional web page)

[www.fransuarez.com](http://www.fransuarez.com) (Fran Suárez Trío webpage)

[www.drgotrio.com](http://www.drgotrio.com) (Dr. GO Hammond trio webpage)

### **Video and Soundcloud links:**

- Videos Fran Suárez Trío: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5XdqBAanGzxJDCiCHLa0TSEnz7FsvfCm](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5XdqBAanGzxJDCiCHLa0TSEnz7FsvfCm)
- Dr. GO on TV3 Catalunya: <http://www.ccma.cat/tv3/alcanta/ritmes-a-lestudi/dr-go/video/4363390/>
- Soundcloud tracks from CD Imaginario: <https://soundcloud.com/francisco-suarez/sets/selections-from-cd-imaginario>
- Soundcloud premaster New CD (2016): <https://soundcloud.com/francisco-suarez/sets/fran-suarez-trio-vol-2-pre-master-takes-cd-album-soon-to-be-released>