

Don Saginario

Don Saginario played his first gig in NYC when he was 12-years-old. Within two years he was opening for the Young Rascals at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and learned through informal instruction from John Kay of Sparrow, aka Steppenwolf, and Billy Joel of the Hassles. During his college years Don played bass with Vince Martell, guitarist with the Vanilla Fudge. Don began his professional career after earning his BA in Music from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. That career included playing at the Coventry back-to-back with Kiss, as well as studio work. Classical studies with Jorge Morel led Don to a graduate degree in music from Herbert H. Lehman College (CUNY), Bronx, NY and Artist in Residence status in guitar at Long Island University's Southampton College. Among the highlights of his career Don cites work with late jazz flutist Herbie Mann, and Stan Bronstein, leader of John Lennon's backup band, as well as studies with John Scofield and Joe Monk in NYC. Don continues to compose, perform and teach.