

- National/International Guitarist/recording artist.
- NEA Grant recipient – Jazz Composition.
- Author of *Performance Ear Training*, Advance Music.
- National/International Music Clinician: America, Europe, China, Turkey and Singapore.
- Seven years full-time music faculty at **Berklee College of Music** [Berklee On-The-Road **recruitment** team], Six years full-time music faculty at **Istanbul Bilgi University** (Turkey).
- Passionate, bilingual, intercultural artist having lived overseas for 18 years, with a blend of experience in performance, teaching, recruitment, composition, coaching, public speaking, administration.
- Literary novel, “I Gotta Handle On It” scheduled for publication - February 2017 with Cinco Puntos Press.

Employment History *For more detail: <http://donmixon.com/resume.html>*

- **1986 – Present:** Performing musician as soloist and group leader. Music lecturer/clinician – Domestically/Internationally. <http://donmixon.com/reference-letters---endorsements.html>
- **September 2010 – Present:** Proprietor - Jazz-Play Studio, Evanston, Illinois
 - **Teach:** Guitar, Music Theory, Ear Training, Improvisation (all instruments)
 - **Produce** public concerts of local artists.
- **2015 - Present:** Teaching Artist - CW Arts Consulting Inc. Chicago, IL.
- **2014:** Teaching Artist - Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Outreach Jazz Camp. Musicianship/Ear Training.
- **2006-2010:** Proprietor - Jazz-Play Studio: Istanbul, Turkey
- **2000-2006:** Assistant Professor, **Istanbul Bilgi University (full-time)**
Music Department Vice Chair (2001-2002)
 - **Taught:** Core ear training, applied guitar, ensembles, song writing, repertoire, jazz improvisation, Intro to Jazz and *Performance Ear Training*
 - **Created** Aural Perception Test (Entrance exam). Improved level of entrants by 10% in the first year of implementation. **Created:** Four-year guitar program, four semester ear training program
 - **Extensive recruitment** for the music department.
- **1993 – 1994:** Adjunct faculty, D.A.M.S. Universita' di Bologna Discipline delle Arti, Musica, Spettacolo [Italy]. **Taught:** Ear Training for Music Criticism (adjunct)
- **1986 – 1993:** Associate Professor, **Berklee College of Music (full-time)**
 - **Taught:** Core ear training, vocal rhythm section ensemble, jazz ensemble, pop ensemble, recording ensemble. **Developed** original notation system for dictation.
 - **Reorganized** the audition process for the ensemble department: wrote several original musical examples that are still in use today, recalibrated the entire audition library.
 - **Conceived** and realized the annual ‘Big Ears Olympics’: A school wide academic contest.
 - **Recruited extensively** as a clinician of the Berklee ‘On The Road’ recruitment program. Traveled to Santa Fe, Los Angeles and Italy. Performed at the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia-Italy.
- **1981- 1986:** Guitarist 1st chair, Resorts International and Atlantis Hotel-Casinos.

Guest Lecturer/Clinician Full listing: <http://donmixon.com/resume.html>

USA, Turkey, Italy, China, Singapore -

Performances Full listing: <http://donmixon.com/resume.html>

- 2015 Festival of the Wall: *Hybrid Project Chicago*. <https://youtu.be/r9wFtkVxPE>
- *Twenty-Two*: Concert at Jazz-Play Studio, Evanston: <https://youtu.be/nJ7ZXX10paU>
- Israeli Jazz & World Music Festival: <https://youtu.be/xTnxC0iR7Ok>
- Bodrum Jazz Festival – (Turkey): *Donovan Mixon & Asena Akan Quartet*
<http://www.turkishliving.com/forums/things-going-your-area/48696-three-evenings-jazz-bodrum-19-21-may.html>
- Hybrid Project: 12th International Istanbul Jazz Festival: <http://caz.iksv.org/en/archive/photoarchive/51/808>

Publications

- **2000: *Performance Ear Training***, Advance Music http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_0_14/191-0549880-3487814?url=search-alias=stripbooks&field-keywords=performance+ear+training&srefix=performance+ea,stripbooks,240

Recordings Full listing: <http://donmixon.com/resume.html>

- **August 2013: *We Play When We Play*** - <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/donovanmixon3>
- **February 2013: *Istanbul'un İzleri*** - (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/istanbulun-izleri/id598544441>)
- **2010: *Culmination*** - <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/donovanmixon>
 - *2010 Top Chicago Recordings*: <http://www.jazzchicago.net/reviews/2011/Bestof2010.html>

Special Projects Full listing: <http://donmixon.com/resume.html>

- Novel: "I Gotta Handle On It" - **Scheduled for publication** - February 2017 with Cinco Puntos Press.

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Awards/Distinctions

- **2015**: Evanston Arts Council: Grant recipient.
- **1989: National Endowment for the Arts**, Jazz Composition
<http://www.nea.gov/about/AnnualReports/NEA-Annual-Report-1990.pdf> P. 198

Education

- **M.M. Jazz/Commercial Music**, Manhattan School of Music, 1985
- **B.A. Music Education**, Jersey City State College, 1978