



and scholastics. The old-school philosophy preached practicing for an hour. I suggest my students practice for 10 to 15 minutes four or five times a day," says Dr. Bruce. "Shorter intervals translate into higher focus and getting more accomplished."

Dr. Bruce is a patient instructor and understands it takes three to six months to develop basic skills. Once the basics are learned, the student is never excused from preliminary studies.

"Nobody learns how to play an instrument within a week. But

even after playing for one year, students need to practice the basics regularly," says Dr. Bruce, who is the founder of the award winning Jazz Music Studies Program at Crossroads School for the Arts and Sciences in Santa Monica. "No musician, myself included, no matter how skilled, stops playing scales, long tones, and exercises."

Dr. Bruce teaches his students that being a musician is not about being better than another musician; rather, playing music is about confidently playing alongside other musicians and contributing to the overall energy of the music.

On another performance note, Dr. Bruce fronts for BEJO (Bruce Eskovitz Jazz Orchestra) his band that features some of the best jazz musicians in LA. Dr. Bruce and BEJO are available for jazz festivals, movie/TV soundtracks, recordings, concerts, club dates, college, high school, and middle school appearances, and clinics.

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Dr. Bruce earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from CSUN, and from USC a Master degree in jazz studies and a Doctorate degree of musical arts in jazz composition. Previously he was a full time lecturer at USC where he directed the Jazz Ensemble Program, taught jazz theory, as well as saxophone and jazz improvisation.




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