



Guitarist

# Eric Watson

Music For All Occasions  
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# BIO

**GUITARIST - RECORDING ARTIST - AUTHOR**



A pupil of a pupil of the great George Benson, and native of Pittsburgh Pa, Eric's Brother Kennard taught him the basics of guitar at age 10. "George was Ken's first teacher. They were childhood friends along with another guitar great from Pittsburgh, the late great Jimmy Ponder. There was always a band rehearsing at my house. In the late 60s, the late great Phyliss Hyman was the lead singer in Ken's band."

At age 12, Eric's family moved to Detroit. Eric put music on the back burner as he excelled in sports, mainly basketball in high school at Detroit Cass Tech and colleges Schoolcraft CC, Weber State University and EMU. Later he would go on to coach basketball in Jr. College and in the ABA.

Following college, Eric went into an intense study of the guitar. His study induced him to write a guitar book, two general music theory books and produce over 40 instructional videos. He has been playing and teaching guitar for over 25 years. Although he comes from a standard jazz background, his current CD is smooth jazz. As a solo artist, Eric masterfully blends a mixture of Standards, Easy Listening, R&B, Pop, Latin and Boss Nova.

He also performs freelance, with his band ConJaMa, and has played with the likes of Liza Minnelli, Martha Reeves, Johnny O'Neal, and the late greats Ernie Rodgers, Marcus Belgrave, Rudy Robinson and Joe Hunter to name a few.

Eric has recently finished a 5 volume guitar course. His other books and videos can be seen at: [www.thesystemofguitar.com](http://www.thesystemofguitar.com).



# PHOTOS AND LINKS



Martha Reeves



Beyonce's Mom

## LINKS

Quiet Nights – solo

Kimmie Horne Festival

Beautiful Love – band

Other Music and Videos

Guitar Lessons and Books



Vivica A. Fox



Liza Minnelli



Larry Smith



Rudy Robinson

Marcus Belgrave



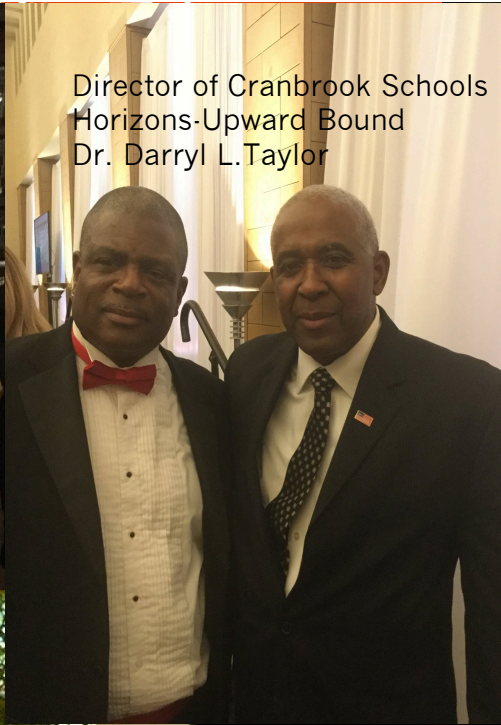
Acoustic Stage



Former Channel 4 Newscaster  
Current WJR radio show host  
Guy Gordon



Director of Cranbrook Schools  
Horizons-Upward Bound  
Dr. Darryl L. Taylor



Channel 4 News Anchor  
Rhonda Walker



Former US Secretary of  
Transportation  
Ray LaHood



Former Channel 7 News Anchor  
Current WOMC radio show host  
Stephen Clark



Channel 2 News Anchor  
Roop Raj





# References

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*"Many of our Club Members have made Thursday their "date night" to enjoy the relaxing ambiance created by Eric Watson's music. We have been steady partners with Eric for over 4 years and appreciate his dedication to us and his craft" - Skyline Club*

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*"We have worked with Eric for the last 3 years and are so lucky to have found such a great musician. Eric is very professional and has many talents, our members thoroughly enjoy every time he is here. His music and ambiance are top notch" – Birmingham Athletic Club*

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*"We have used Eric for many of our Family Nights...he is quite engaging with our senior residents...they just love when he comes and plays for them" - Brookdale Senior Living*

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*"The residents here at American House Livonia love when Eric Watson comes to the community to perform! We love how he engages and interacts with the residents and gets them singing along!! We ALWAYS look forward to him coming to our community." - American House*

Dr. Darryl L. Taylor  
Director, Cranbrook Schools  
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*"I am not just a fan of Eric's music, I am addicted to it. Every note he plays demonstrates his compassion, dedication and knowledge of the guitar. Anytime I am hosting a personal or business event, Eric is my first choice for entertainment." – Cranbrook Schools*

## Music for all occasions

Perfect for Dinners, Weddings, Private Parties, Clubs, etc, Eric can be seen performing regularly at:

The Skyline Club (address listed above) every Thursday 5:30 – 7:30pm

Prime 29 Steakhouse 6545 Orchard Lake Rd. West Bloomfield Township MI 48322  
every Saturday 7 – 10:30pm

Eric Can Also Be Seen Performing for Seniors at Various Care Facilities Throughout the Metro Area

Some of Eric's performances for events in other venues include:

Farmington Hunting and Fishing Club  
Detroit Golf Club  
Detroit Athletic Club  
Oakhurst Golf Club  
42 Degrees North  
St. Regis Hotel  
The Whitney  
The Guardian Building

Birmingham Athletic Club  
Townsend Hotel  
Dearborn Performing Arts Center  
Kresge Court in the DIA  
Maggiano's Little Italy  
Grosse Pointe War Memorial  
Cranbrook Horizons Upward Bound  
Oakland Hills Country Club