

# John Abercrombie Jazz Scholarship Fund

2023-2024 Recipient Summary



## André Corrêa Da Silva

Guitarist, Berklee Global Jazz Institute



Check out André's Instagram

[www.instagram.com/andrecorreagtr](https://www.instagram.com/andrecorreagtr)

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André has excelled in everything we've done together. Always nailing difficult weekly assignments, coming to class able to play them at a good tempo and with great musical feel. André's final project in the Voicings lab was amazing. He was able to include just about every concept covered during the semester in that one project—not an easy thing to do! Playing tunes with André is always a joyful thing. His groove is wonderful, he plays very interactively and his harmonic concept is advanced and quite beautiful. He's one of the true good guys, a total blast to play with, and I feel privileged to have come to know him.

– **Randy Ross**  
Professor, Guitar Department

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André impressed me when he played for Mike Stern's masterclass. He showed reverence for Mike in his choice of material and his approach, and was eager to hear and absorb Mike's mentoring. His sense of grace impressed me and displayed his work ethic and curiosity to grow and deepen his skills.

– **Sheryl Bailey**  
Assistant Chair, Guitar Department

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## Message of Gratitude

I am from Campinas-SP, Brazil. My family has been involved with music since I was born, none of my relatives has worked as a musician, but they all love music. My biggest inspiration to study music is my dad. He can play so many different instruments and he does it with such a love that it gives to me a lot of inspiration to be the best musician I can be. I started playing piano and guitar at church when I was 12. It changed everything in my life. The only thing I would do at that time was play music. Nothing else mattered. One year later, I started studying with a teacher that graduated at Berklee, we used to talk about it and I fell in love with Berklee. All the videos on YouTube that I watched, the great musicians that graduated here, make me start dreaming about studying at Berklee. Some years later, with a lot of work and the support I received from my wife, I am a Berklee student!



My plans for my career can be divided in two areas. First, I want to be a guitarist and composer. Writing songs, arrangements, and playing it with my band is one of the things that makes my heart pulse harder. The feeling of been able to talk about feelings through music is inexplicable. However, I also really love to teach music and see how this art changes people is amazing! That is the reason why I chose Berklee. With all the projects, teachers and programs, Berklee is the best place to give me knowledge to teach, and mainly to make me the best artist that I can be.

To be honored with the John Abercrombie Scholarship greatly impacted my experience as a student. Financially, this scholarship helped me continue my studies at Berklee, and also this scholarship shows that all my efforts have been worthy and acknowledged. Beyond all of that, after I was honored with this scholarship, I received so many invitations to play in ensembles, recitals, recordings. It helped to share my music with more people. There are not enough words to manifest how grateful I am for this scholarship. Thank you so much for supporting me and all the students that have been honored before me. Your help has changed lives.

Thank you,

**André Corrêa Da Silva**

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