

## **JOHN CALDERON**

Guitarist/vocalist/composer/educator- John Calderon is a freelance musician residing in Houston, Texas who has enjoyed an active career as a professional musician since the early 1990s.

In 2007, he began a dynamic touring schedule with multi Grammy Award winning vocalist Al Jarreau until the singer's death in 2017. During this time, John traveled throughout the U.S., Canada, South America, Central, Southern and Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East performing at many of the world's most prestigious music festivals such as North Sea Jazz Festival, Montreux Jazz Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, and Rock in Rio.

John also performed both nationally and overseas with Jazz pianist Bobby Lyle and toured the U.S. with Grammy Award winning R&B vocalist Regina Belle appearing at the New York Jazz Festival in Central Park and the Concord Jazz Festival in Oakland, California among others.

In addition to his active performance schedule, John maintains a passion for music education serving as adjunct guitar instructor at Alvin Community College and Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Texas. He has appeared as a guest artist with the Brazosport College Jazz Ensemble, Lamar University Jazz Ensemble, GCIC Faculty Jazz Ensemble and has served as a guest clinician for the Texas UIL Region X, Region XVII Jazz Ensembles and ATSSB Jazz Ensembles. He has also presented clinics for the Texas Music Educators Association at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention, San Antonio, Texas and is also a published composer with over a dozen guitar etudes published by the Texas Jazz Educators Association.

John Calderon received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Lamar University Beaumont, Texas.