

## *About Ioannis Anastassakis*

Born in the Greek island of Crete, Ioannis Anastassakis. He completed his Bachelor degree at the **American College of Greece**, and subsequently studied at the distinguished **Musicians Institute (GIT)**, where he was hired as an instructor, after graduating at the top 1% of his class. He continued his graduate studies in Music, at the **California State University**, completing an MA in Guitar Performance, graduating *Magna cum Laude*.

Ioannis' list of Electric guitar teachers is extremely impressive: the list reads like a "Who is Who" of contemporary electric guitar legends! **Steve Vai** (*Whitesnake*), **Vinnie Moore** (*UFO*), **Marty Friedman** (*Megadeth*), **John Petrucci** (*Dream Theater*), **Frank Gambale** (*Chick Corea*), **Paul Gilbert** (*Mr. Big*), **Richie Kotzen**, **Brett Garsed**, **Joey Tafolla**, **Scott Henderson**, **Mike Stern**, **Jean Marc Belkadi**, **Darren Householder**, **Tommy Tedesco**, **Ted Greene**, **Ron Eschete**, **Sid Jacobs** & **Joe Diorio**.

Ioannis also studied Solo Flamenco Guitar for several years with flamenco maestro **Juan Serrano**. In addition, he has studied with Flamenco guitar legends **Manolo Sanlucar**, **Juan Martin**, **Paco Serrano**, **Jose Antonio Rodriguez** and **Manolo Franco**.

Ioannis has also performed and/or recorded in various settings with band members of *Whitesnake*, *Dio*, *Deep Purple*, *Ozzy Osbourne*, *Elton John*, *Santana*, *Celine Dion*, *Sara Vaughan*, *Tito Puente*, *Julio Iglesias*, *Tower of Power*, *Chick Corea Electric Band*, *Jeff Beck*, *Steve Vai Band*, *Badlands*, *Santana*, *Tribal Tech*, *Natalie Cole*, *Joe Cocker*, *Cher*, *Blood Sweat & Tears* and more.

Ioannis has presented over **400 solo recitals** in Europe and the United States and has been a **guest lecturer** at several American colleges and Universities (*University of Southern California*, *California State University Northridge*, *California State University Fresno*, *California State University Fullerton*, *Musicians Institute*, *Fresno City College*, *American College of Greece*). In addition, he has won and placed as a finalist in several Classical and Flamenco guitar competitions and has been featured **15 times** on European and American TV. In 2000, he was the 1<sup>st</sup> guitarist ever to present a solo guitar recital at the prestigious **Greek National Opera House**.

Ioannis' 1<sup>st</sup> instrumental Rock/Fusion Electric guitar CD, "**Suspension of Disbelief**", was released by **Wild Rose Angel Productions** in 2007 – within 3 weeks its worldwide sales soared **at the top 5** in the highly regarded *Guitar9.com* website!! Ioannis' highly anticipated second instrumental Rock/Fusion Electric guitar CD, "**Orbital Attempt**", was released by **Wild Rose Angel Productions** in April 2009 and within weeks reached to the **#1** spot of *Guitar9*.

Ioannis' first solo Flamenco guitar CD, "**Flamenco Live at Ioannina**", was released by MP3.com on 2000, immediately entered the company's flamenco Top 10, eventually reaching the **#1 place worldwide** on October 2002. The CD was re-mastered and re-released by **Wild Rose Angel Productions** in 2004 and also reached the #1 spot in 3 different categories in 2009! Ioannis' next solo Flamenco guitar CD, "**Traditional Flamenco Guitar Selections**" is scheduled to be released by **Wild Rose Angel Productions** in 2010.

Ioannis' instructional materials are published and distributed worldwide by **Mel Bay Publications**. He has authored 5 Books/CDs/DVDs - "***The Art of Rasgueado***", "***Flamenco Journal***", "***The Art of Tremolo***", "***60 Tapping Licks for Contemporary Rock & Metal Guitar***" and "***60 Sweeping Licks for Contemporary Electric Guitar***". Most of them achieved best-seller status within months of their initial publication date.

Ioannis is also a regular columnist in Mel Bay's **Guitar Sessions** magazine, specializing on articles in Flamenco Guitar Technique and Advanced Contemporary Electric Guitar Technique and writes a monthly column on Rock Guitar at the **Rock Hard Greece** magazine.

Ioannis is currently (2010) sponsored by **Ibanez** Electric Guitars (6-string), **Schecter** 7-string Electric Guitars, **Roland** Guitar Effects, **EMG** Active Pickups, **ELIXIR** Electric Guitar Strings and instrument cables, **LaBella** Flamenco Guitar Strings, **T-Rex** Effect pedals, **Visual Sound** effects, Hercules stands, **Graphtech** custom guitar parts, **Snapjack** jacks, **DR** Guitar Straps and **George-L** studio cables.

Ioannis is also the founder, group leader and manager of the highly successful **Greek Guitar Power** Team – an all-instrumental group comprised of his Ioannis and his most advanced Electric guitar students, most of them already highly respected professionals in the field of Rock guitar.

Ioannis is the artistic director of the annual *Athens International Electric Guitar Festival* and has also served as principal instructor at the most prominent **International Guitar Festivals** in Greece (*International guitar festival of Hermoupolis, International Winter guitar festival of Volos, International guitar festival of Patras, International guitar festival of Paros, International guitar festival of Porto Heli*). Ioannis is also an officially registered guitar instructor with the **London College of Music** and **Thames Valley University**, as well as a registered LA's **Guitar Institute of Technology (GIT)**.

Ioannis Anastassakis teaches several classes in Music Business, Music History and Music Performance and Improvisation at the **American College of Greece** and maintains a busy private teaching schedule. Furthermore, he divides his time between recording, writing instructional materials for guitar, conducting

clinics and seminars and presenting guitar recitals around the world. He is currently preparing an **extensive series of instructional materials** for Mel Bay Publications, on both Flamenco and Electric guitar related subjects.

For the latest up-to-date information about Ioannis Anastassakis, as well as an always expanding selection of **audio clips, video files, book samples, instructional materials, latest news** and much more, please visit the **Official Ioannis Anastassakis WWW site** at [www.ioannis.org](http://www.ioannis.org)

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