

Dan Bruce

By embracing the influence of his heroes from the jazz tradition and retaining his own musical personality, guitarist Dan Bruce has developed a unique and impressive musical voice. A recent transplant to Ohio after spending a decade as an important member of Chicago's vibrant jazz scene, he is active throughout the United States as a performer, recording artist, composer and educator.

Bruce has performed on more than forty albums as a sideman and has released four albums as a leader. He has worked with a number of eminent musicians including Maria Schneider, Seamus Blake, Ali Jackson, Dan Wall, Lynn Seaton, The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, Daniel Lippel, Rose Colella, Marc Mommaas, and Marquis Hill.

Bruce's groups have been featured in The Chi-Town Jazz Festival, The Chicago Composers Collective series at the Green Mill, The Chicago Cultural Center Chamber Music Series, The Jazz Institute of Chicago NextGen Jazz Series, South by Southwest, The Toledo Jazz Festival, The Rubber City Jazz Festival, and The Ohio City Summer Festival. He has been profiled in *Fingerstyle Guitar*, on WDCB 90.9 FM Chicago, WCPN 90.3 FM Cleveland, WYSO 91.3 FM Yellow Springs, WKSU 104.9 Cleveland, coolcleveland.com, Chicago Jazz Magazine, and The South Bend Tribune.

In 2020 Dan received an Individual Excellence Award in Music Composition from the Ohio Arts Council.

He is currently on faculty at Cleveland State University