



## Will Ragano (guitarist/composer)

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Originally from Tampa, Florida, I've been active on the Boston music scene for 20 years and have been performing in bands since age 12. I took music lessons as a child, graduated from The Southwest Guitar Conservatory (after attending the University of Florida for 2 years) and from Berklee College of Music (Boston). Boston bands I've been a founding member of include: Psycho Tech; Think Tree; Bongo Fury; Soilomatic; Elk; and Count Zero. Currently I'm working as a graphic designer at The Creative Source (since 2001) and performing in Count Zero and Elk (improv side project)—as well as writing/compiling music for my solo project Soilomatic and composing string quartets, sound collages and various other musical oddities.

### Music Timeline *(major events):*

- 1985**            Graduated from The Southwest Guitar Conservatory
- 1989**            Graduated from Berklee College of Music (Professional Music degree, cum laude)
- 1989**            Formed Think Tree (released ep and CD, toured Europe twice, won numerous Boston Phoenix, Boston Music Awards, and The Noise Magazine reader's/critic's poll awards, top draw in Boston clubs).
- 1990 – 1996**   Stagehand/Stage Manager at New England Conservatory
- 1994**            Composed/Performed/Recorded music for YoMama Dance Group (Manhattan), "Kelp" performance at B.A.M. (Brooklyn Academy of Music)
- 1995**            With Peter Moore (Think Tree, Blue Man Group) formed Count Zero (3 CDs released so far, played hundreds of shows, and won numerous awards)
- 1999**            Composed/Performed/Recorded music for *Generator* (a digital animation piece presented at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, NM)
- 2000**            Won *Best Guitarist in Boston* award from The Noise Magazine Reader's Poll
- 2003**            Formed Elk (an spontaneous song collective featuring some of Boston's best improvisers)
- 2006**            Composed/Performed/Recorded music for *Just Breathe* (relaxation/meditation CD for The Lotus Room Yoga Studio in Tampa, FL)
- 2006/2007**    Count Zero songs featured in *Guitar Hero* video game

### Websites:

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