



JOSH FRIEDMAN

Where were you born? Munster, Indiana

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Josh's professional website
at www.OneZeroDM.com

Where did you grow up?

Munster, Indiana, College in Ohio, and currently still growing up in Tustin, CA.

What is your educational background?

Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from The Ohio State University; Master of Music degree from The Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach.

Do you currently teach elsewhere or have you in the past?

I have taught digital media classes at Golden West College, Cypress College, Coastline College, and Cal Poly Pomona. Prior to that (and prior to owning my business), I was the Department Chair of Fine Arts and Music Teacher at Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School in Irvine.

When did you discover your passion for instruction?

I've always been a teacher. My Mom is a retired teacher. When I was in the 5th grade, I remember teaching the 1st graders about constellations. I started teaching high school when I was 18, three weeks into my first year of college at The Cincinnati School of Creative and Performing Arts. I taught there throughout my first three years of my undergraduate degree.

What is your favorite aspect of your chosen career?

I love being creative every day. Every day is different! Some days I'm producing videos, some days flying drones for photography, or doing a family or headshot photo shoot. Some days I'm performing with bands or producing music. It's all digital media, but different every day!

What is the one quality you feel best describes you?

Passionate. I am very passionate about all of my creative trades. When I take something on, I take it on to the fullest and try to learn everything that I can about it. I become an expert, and then I teach it to others.

What other interests, hobbies and pastimes are you passionate about?

I love dogs and kids. Other than that, I fly drones, make videos, take photos, and make music, but I've turned that all into work. So, my dog and kids take up the rest of my time, which is great!

What do you think you'll enjoy most about teaching for the Emeritus Institute?

I really believe in lifelong learning and with photography there is always more to learn and more to experience! I am looking forward to working with people who are looking for a new hobby, searching to improve their skills, or just interested in camera gear and optics. There's a lot for everyone to learn and many creative works to be made.

What message would you like to send to your future Emeritus Students about yourself and what they can expect from your classes? I will be teaching from my professional experience. I have a camera of some sort in my hand at some point every single day, and the rest of the time I'm editing. I look forward to using my experience to demonstrate that the best camera you have is the one you have on you and that photography is fun and very rewarding!

What is your best tip that has helped you cope with the pandemic challenges to everyday life?

"Take on a cause. You don't need to take on all causes, but find one thing that you are passionate about and make it your cause that you work for." (A quote from Rep. Adam Schiff that he told me personally in a Zoom meeting.)

Tell us a few "FUN FACTS" about you.

- I used to tour all over the world performing music three to four weekends a month while I was still in college.
- I designed a high-end guitar shaped like a Jewish star called the Jewcastar (@Jewcastar), and I currently own the only one ever made.
- I have been flying drones for work since 2013.
- I have coordinated three National Drone Educators Conferences.
- I frequently fly my drone at the Port of LA to take pictures and make videos for work.
- I currently have two boys that are almost 4 and almost 6, a dog that is almost 5, and my parents live in Laguna Woods.