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TrueFire's educators are the best in the biz. From GRAMMY Award winners to world-renowned artists, TrueFire students have access to an unparalleled faculty of over 300 top-notch blues, rock, jazz, country, and acoustic guitar educators.

Using TrueFire's desktop and mobile apps, guitarists work with multi-angle HD video lessons on any device, anytime, anywhere, at their own pace.

Integrated learning tools such as video synced tab and notation, slo-mo, looping, and practice jam tracks accelerate the learning experience.

TrueFire's style-specific Learning Paths guide guitarists every step of the way. Use the assessment tools to find your starting point, then follow the lesson recommendations, and track your progress as you work through your personalized TrueFire study plan.

Guitar players can progress faster with private one-on-one instruction, group lessons, multi-track video jams, live streams, song lessons, premium tracks, and much more.

With thousands of five-star ratings and reviews from amateur and pro players alike, you'll find yourself in good company with the world's most comprehensive guitar learning platform.

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An Overview of TrueFire

Courses

Self-study Courses are the core way to learn at TrueFire, and we have over 600 courses in our library covering all skill levels, styles, techniques, and topics. In each course, a world-class educator presents an in-depth course of study, in a specific style or technique, including harmonic concepts, performance examples, playalongs, analysis and insight. Interactive features and functions include standard notation, Power Tab, Guitar Pro, jam tracks, playback controls, video looping, slow-mo, tuner, metronome and other learning tools.

Craft your own study program and work through an interactive video course from beginning to end or cherry-pick your favorite lessons and add them to your favorites or a playlist. You can even mark lessons as Incomplete, In Progress, or Complete to track your progress. You control all aspects of your learning experience!

All courses are available as instant downloads or as streaming video on the web and via our iOS and Android apps. Courses are enabled with interactive video synced tab and fretboard view, which is the ultimate way to learn online.

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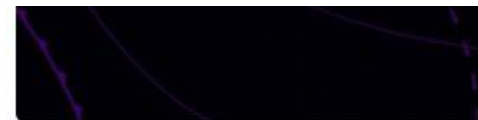
Learning Paths

Think of Learning Paths as roadmaps through the TrueFire course library. Whether you're a beginner, intermediate or advanced guitar player, TrueFire's Learning Paths will take your playing to the next level with an accelerated, hands-on study plan.

You'll play your way through the entire curriculum - no reading music, no boring exercises, no tedious theory to struggle through! The Learning Path system will



first help you assess your current level of play, and then present you with a personalized curriculum of courses presented by TrueFire's world-class guitar educators.



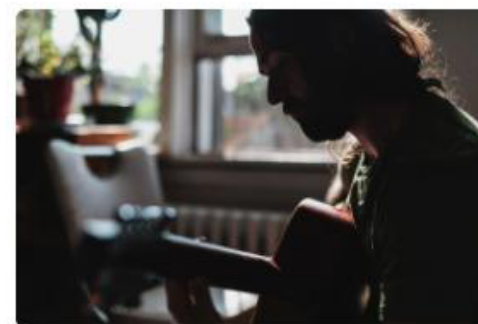
Track your progress as you work your way through each course presented in the Learning Paths, and see your overall Learning Path progress as you strive for guitar greatness.

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Private Lessons

TrueFire Online Classrooms give you the opportunity to get personalized, 1-on-1 instruction from an instructor of your choosing on pretty much any topic. You also can get an individual private lesson from an instructor.

Working on your own is great for some players, but others need that extra guidance to get out of the rut. Our online classrooms are truly a social learning experience, with threaded discussions, unlimited video messaging with your instructor, and much more. Best of all, it all happens on shifted time so you never have to worry about appointments or scheduling snafus.



[More About Private Lessons](#)

In The Jam

TrueFire's In The Jam delivers an unparalleled jamming experience for the practicing musician. The next best thing to being there live, In The Jam puts YOU in the jam with top artists.

Each edition of In The Jam includes 10 multi-track video jams organized into separate video and audio tracks for each of the instruments. You can mute, solo or adjust the volume of any track. Plus, each jam includes a lead sheet chart showing the chord changes and general structure of the jam.



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There's no better way to develop your improvisational skills than getting up on the bandstand and jamming with a solid rhythm section and other players. In The Jam brings that bandstand into your practice room!

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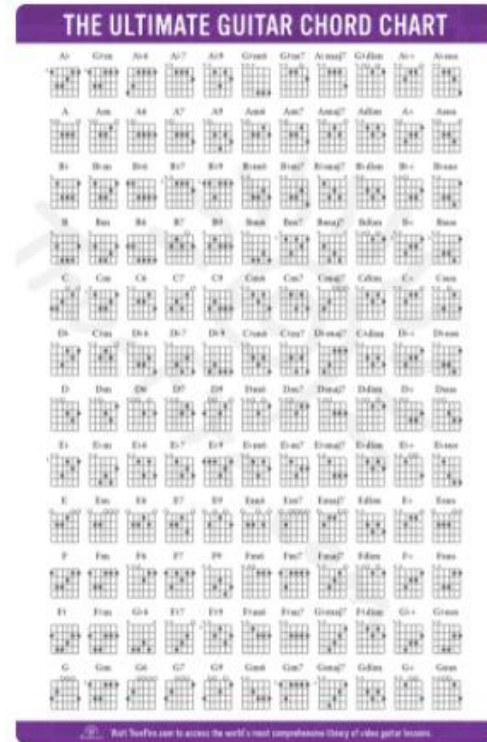
Beyond our vast library of Courses, many of which come with their own jam tracks and tab, and In The Jams, we also have a number of killer learning tools at your disposal.

For example, our Free Jam Track Library has over 200 practice rhythm tracks across all styles, keys and tempos including lead sheets. You also can pick up Premium jam Packs, which feature jam tracks recorded live in the studio by top session players or self-produced by our own top artists and educators. Styles range from blues to rock to jazz to funk and everything in between.

All jam tracks are presented in MP3 format and also include a PDF lead sheet illustrating the chord changes. The instant downloads come as ZIP files compatible with Windows, Mac, & Linux computers. You also can access all your jam tracks in our JamBox iOS app.

We also have an enormous library (1,200+) of audio guitar lessons – but we don't just leave you hanging with just an audio clip – you get a fully interactive lesson. For example, years and years of lessons from Guitar Player magazine are downloadable, and you'll get audio from the original lesson, a PDF of the original page, plus a PowerTab version of the music notation. You also can access all audio lessons in our Guitabulary iOS app.

Finally, we have a great online tuner, metronome, and a bunch of handy-dandy guitar chord charts. All of these tools are 100% free. Check them each out and use wisely!



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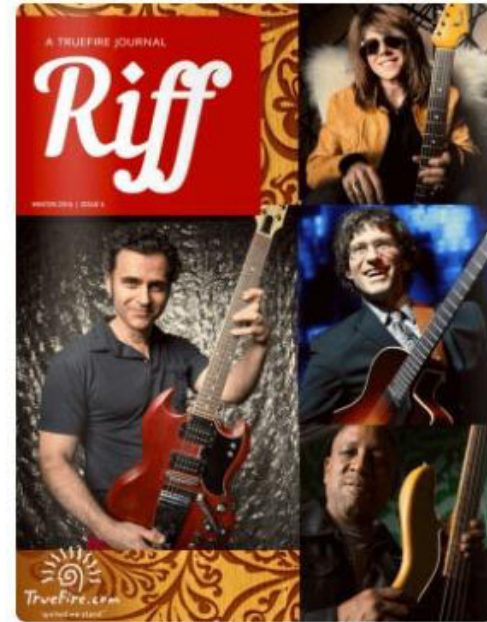
Blog, Riff Journal, & Student Forum

In addition to our vast library of content and suite of interactive learning tools, we also have a bunch of resources meant to inspire, inform, and entertain you.

Our blog, The Punch-In, is where you'll find everything from free guitar lessons, to announcements, to interviews, and even some fun viral videos. Check in often to see what's happening around the world of TrueFire and guitar.

Riff Journal is our digital magazine, designed to celebrate TrueFire artists and educators. We'll tell you stories about them, share exclusive lessons from them (even some of their scrapbook pics), and tickle your ears with their music. You'll also be treated to a variety of music-centric features to stimulate your own creativity and musicality. Riff is free to you (also free of advertising) and our way of saying thanks to you, our fellow guitar playing friends and students, for your support and loyalty.

Finally, our Student Forum is a great place to hang and dig deeper with other TrueFire Students. Chime in there to seek advice or see what the insiders are talking about.



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Greg Koch's Gristleman Guitar

Interactive Video Masterclass with Greg Koch

"I believe Greg Koch is pound for pound the best guitar player in the world today. His, tone, feel and style are unrivaled in today's guitar playing community. He is scary good. It was a true honor to do shows with him." -
JOE BONAMASSA

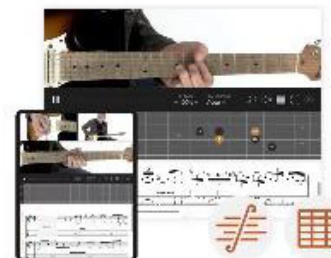
Greg Koch has been at the top of our wish list, not to mention our students' wish lists, for a very, very long time. He's been busy releasing 15 records, authoring over a dozen best-selling instructional materials, writing countless articles for top guitar mags, serving as an ambassador for Fender and Fishman, touring the globe as bandleader, and posting 4,000 plus video gear test drives and lessons generating over 50-million views.

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1. Gristleman Guitar Introduction
2. Poultry Pluckin' and Cluckin' Demonstration
3. Spank It: Main Theme Overview
4. Spank It: Main Theme Performance
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The stars have finally aligned and we are now thrilled to welcome Greg to the family with his first TrueFire course, Gristleman Guitar!

"Finding your way as a guitar player means more than learning licks and phrases. It means digging deep and honoring the nuances of many of the guitar greats in an identifiable and flavorful way - their expressiveness, the techniques, and all of their melodic and rhythmic sensibilities.

But at the same time, you have to put your own twist on those roots. You have to personalize them over time, and make them your own. That's truly where all the flavor comes from, and that folks, is what I like to call Guitar Gristle. It's the intersection where all that's right meets all that's wrong.

I'm excited to share with you fourteen of my go-to techniques and concepts for all out guitar savagery. We'll look at my approaches to chicken picking, vibrato, hybrid picking, all kinds of bends, travis picking, pinch harmonics, double stops, standard tuning slide and a ton more."

Greg will explain and demonstrate each of the 14 Gristleman techniques sharing some of his own creative twists for each. Using backing tracks from his own records, Greg will also perform an example for musical context followed by a detailed breakdown.

10. Travis Picking
Demonstration
11. One for Uncle Rob
Overview
12. One for Uncle Rob
Performance
13. One for Uncle Rob
Breakdown
14. Vicious Vibratos
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15. Drowning in a Sea of Vibrato
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- 28 Tabs (.gp5 or .ptb)
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- 10/25/2021

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- Riffs
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- Electric Guitar
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- Americana
- Blues

"We'll play over a chicken pickin' onslaught I like to call "Spank It", a greasy little shuffle named "Quarantonne", there's some swing tunes, some laid back funky soul grooves, a sinuous rock conflagration, slick jazzy shuffles, and of course there's even a pungent and filthy blues too."

You will play your way through all 14 sets of lessons including: Poultry Pluckin' and Cluckin', Hybrid Picking Leads, Travis Picking, Vicious Vibratos, Beastly Blues Bends, Pre-bent Chords & Hybrid Harmonics, Pinch Harmonic Savagery, Comping in "Shuffle & Swingland", Double-Stops with Drones, Funky Finger Picked Comping, Sultry Slide Soloing in Standard, Rock Double-Stop Soloing, Constructing Longer Solos, and Triple-Stop Comping Like an Organ.

"Maybe you'll take a few things from here verbatim, but my hope is that this course will at the very least inspire you to try something new on the guitar and take these ideas into a totally new place yourself. You know what they say; 'where there's fat, there's flavor!'"

You'll get standard notation and tabs for all of the playing examples and performance studies. Plus, you'll be able to use TrueFire's learning tools to sync the tab and notation to the video lesson.

You can also loop or slow down any of the videos so that you can work with the lessons at your own pace. All of the backing tracks are also included to work with on your

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Grab your guitar, and let's 'pound the gristle'
with Greg Koch!

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I'll first demonstrate each lesson for you and talk about some of my creative twists on each technique or concept, and then I'll play you an example over a backing track that I've pulled from one of my own records.

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greasy little shuffle named "Quarantonne", there's some swing tunes, some laid back funky soul grooves, a sinuous rock conflagration, slick jazzy shuffles, and of course there's even a pungent and filthy blues too.

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You know what they say: "where there's fat, there's flavor!" So you ready?! Grab your guitar and let's pound the gristle!

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About Greg Koch

Greg Koch has been called a "twisted guitar genius" to "an eclectic virtuoso" by guitar pundits but in fact, these are just descriptions of someone who loves what he does has found a way to make a living doing it on his own terms by being able to sound like just about anyone to just about no one, all delivered with the irreverence of a "plectrum-wielding skullduggarist" (to use his verbiage). As a result, he has successfully moved beyond his local hero status in the upper Midwest to becoming an internationally renowned recording artist and g...

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Thank you Greg!
Thank you Truefire you so much great content for all levels.

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JNCINN

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**Greg! Where have you been all my guitar life??**

Anyone wishing to press new and fresh cool ideas into their guitar playing universe better latch into this gem! Talk about your wake up call! Greg is supercharged and I find myself pooped a great part of this initial TrueFire course trying to scramble to take it all in. Please tell me there's more of Gristleman Guitar to come down the road as this...Read More

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**Great course! Very creative approach!**

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**An awesome player, with this**

An awesome player, with this inherent fun and humour. That humour is heard in his playing also,

I consider myself as quite accomplished player, but Greg brings an awesome bag of tricks to the table, that you just have to go and grab from. Awesome.

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Rafael P.

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**Equal Parts Comedy and Virtuosity**

Greg is the kinda guy who makes an off-color joke then explains complex chordal

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If your brain can't keep up with Greg's mile-a-minute style, then use the pause b...Read More

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