

Don Muro has been working with music and technology for most of his life. He has been the recipient of several ASCAP composition awards and his music has been performed in settings ranging from London's St. Paul's Cathedral to Disneyland. His educational music is widely used throughout the United States as well as in Europe and in Japan. His demonstration compositions for the legendary Korg M1 music workstation helped to make it the world's best selling synthesizer.

Don Muro is recognized as a master synthesist specializing in live performance techniques for electronic keyboard. He has presented electronic music concerts, lectures, and master classes to more than 500,000 listeners throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has recorded three albums of original music and has performed/recorded with musicians including John Scofield, T Lavitz, Chuck Leavell, Roger Powell, Chuck Loeb, Arnie Lawrence, Narada Michael Walden and Paul Winter.

Throughout his career Don has been an active advocate for music technology. In addition to producing a DVD and two videos, he has written four books as well as the *Music Expressions Music Technology/MIDI Keyboard Curriculum* (Alfred). He is a contributing author of the *Technology Guide for Music Educators* (Thompson) and *Technology Integration in the Elementary Classroom* (Hal Leonard). He is also a co-author of the TI:ME (Technology Institute for Music Educators) Level II instructional materials for advanced sequencing. He has written more than ninety articles about music and technology for publications such as *International Musician*, *The Instrumentalist*, *Keyboard*, *Music Educators Journal*, *Music Education Technology* and *The American Organist*. He has taught music technology classes to more than 4,000 music educators through his summer workshops. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Columbia University Teachers College and as Artist in Residence at Duquesne University. He served as a contributor to the New York State Education Department and as a member of the National Association for Music Education (MENC) Technology Task Force. In addition, he was the first chairman of Electronic Music for both IAJE (International Association of Jazz Educators) and NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) as well as one of the founding members of TI:ME.

Don Muro is currently a member of both the TI:ME Board of Directors and the NYSSMA Technology Committee.

Selected Reviews and Comments

Performer

"...undeniable talent..." *NEWSDAY*

"...his musicianship is impeccable." *MUSIC PERFORMANCE RESOURCES*

"Never in the past 18 years of our summer workshop have I experienced such an intense silence as during the final decrescendo to end the middle Bach piece...the audience was mesmerized by your performance." *SM, Bands of America*

Composer

"Don Muro...brought his amazing keyboard facility and musicianship along. His pieces...are spacious, multi-dimensional..." *REGISTER GUARD (Eugene, OR)*

"The compositions, arrangements, and instrumentation are exceptional, and the layers, melodies, and solos to die for. Finally, many others have the opportunity to hear this great musician's talents." *KEYBOARD*

"Mr. Muro's creative genius incorporates the best of two components: the sensitivity of a traditionally trained musician and the proficiency of a skilled technician." *AMERICAN RECORDER*

Educator

"Anyone who has seen Don in performance, or who has had the great fortune of taking one of his annual workshops will attest to the wealth of knowledge this man possesses in the areas of electronic music, composition, performance, education, and music technology. Combine this knowledge with a relaxed, natural affinity for teaching and you have the makings of a master music educator." *THE SCHOOL MUSIC NEWS*

"He is a gifted communicator and master synthesist; he inspires audiences with his vision, quick wit, and keyboard artistry. Those of you who attended Muro's recent Michigan appearances will attest to his virtuosity as a teacher." *MICHIGAN MUSIC TECH*

"He is a capable teacher, whose years of experience make possible the clarity of his teaching and with a wit that rivals Robin Williams." *GIA QUARTERLY*

Clinician

"Don Muro is 'Mr. Technology,' a first-rate musician who can teach us how to use technology to serve the needs of teaching and music making. His workshops are a joy for novices and professionals." *Will Schmidt, Past President, Music Educators National Conference*

"Your musicianship and creativity are beyond words, and the insightful ideas for technology use in the classroom were outstanding." *MM, Massachusetts Music Educators Association*

"...one of the most persuasive things that you do is the demonstration of your own wonderful musicianship and your love of music. It is always a pleasure to see a masterful clinician and teacher inspire an audience and you did just that." *SG, New York University*

Feedback from workshop participants

"You are truly a gifted musician and teacher...Your knowledge and mastery of your subject is a marvel to behold. Thanks again." *RM, New York*

"One of the things I most enjoy is the eagerness with which you offer your talents and knowledge to others. You animate those you come in contact with and leave them with the spark to go out and try to find what you have already found, a joy in creating music! Where most musicians hide their trade secrets, your attitude of 'sharing the wealth' is very gratifying." *DM, Martha's Vineyard*

"Lessons in orchestration, aesthetics, musical statement, and the humanities – the class was a real recharging of the batteries on so many levels. Thanks again." *BN, London*