

## **Bio for Cristina Sparacino**

**Cristina** is an accomplished music teacher, a singer-songwriter, & owns Rock Out Academy.

**EARLY YEARS:** Growing up, Cristina was very involved in music. She participated in All County & All State Band, Solo & Ensemble, Festival of Winds programs, attended Summer Music Conservatory, and various music camps.

Cristina was her high school Band President, student conductor, & was presented the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. While she has had many instructors over time, she credits the teachers she had at a young age for instilling a life-long love of music. One of her instructors in and out of the studio was E Street drummer ,Vini "Mad Dog" Lopez.

**EDUCATION:** Cristina received her Child Development Associate Certificate from Marchman Technical School and studied Early Childhood Education from PHCC (now PHSC). She started working as a Preschool & Kindergarten Teacher & received a percussion scholarship to USF, studied the SLYS voice technique & studied nursing, anatomy & animal behavior through Penn Foster's Veterinary Technician Program & The Rocky Mountain School of Canine Massage & Acupressure.

**TEACHING:** Previous teaching jobs include K-8 general music & drama at Athenian Academy of Pasco for 3 years, dance & drama at Dance Extreme Academy in Trinity, directing programs at Millennium Academy, drumline at various schools, teaching, creating, & running various camps & programs for a local music school for the past 15 years. She saw what was broken where she was teaching, and wanted to create something where the teachers mattered, and the students had more individual attention.

**SINGER/SONGWRITER:** As a singer/songwriter, Cristina previously played and toured as a teen with Sandbucket, and a young adult with Gemini & Third Confession. She played in MTV's Enough is Enough campaign against domestic violence, made the semi-finals of Ed McMahon's Next Big Star & Tampa Bay Idol, & in 2024, she released a single titled "Sorry" which is currently on Spotify under the label, Starlite Records. Cristina toplines original music for other artists, is currently in the top 40's cover band, Time Banditz, and she is working on recording her first full-length pop album to be released in early 2026.