

Joe Filipovich

2019 DCTC Alumni of the Year

Joe Filipovich, or Joey Flip is a multi-talented alum making a name for himself locally and nationally. Joe attended DCTC in 2013-2015, taking classes on Social Media, Business and Marketing. Since attending DCTC, he has made a name for himself as a blues musician, music event promoter and small business entrepreneur.

Joe co-invented and co-owns HayBurner Guitars, which have sold around the world and produce great sound. He singlehandedly designed and oversees an annual Stevie Ray Vaughn Tribute Show in April and more recently started a 90s tribute show in Minneapolis. He not only promotes and oversees these events, he regularly performs at them as well.

Averaging averages 200 shows a year as both a solo and duo artist, Joe in recent months participated in the International Blues Competition in Memphis, where he finished as a semifinalist. He also received an award from Midwest CMA for his Stevie Ray Vaughn Tribute Show.

Joe is involved in the local community and runs a nonprofit that provides new harmonicas to school-age kids so they can learn an instrument while gaining an introduction to various music genres, including the blues. He offers private music lessons and DJs at weddings.

-- Amy Eppen, Foundation Development Director, Dakota County Technical College