Michele Du Bois Payne is an educator from Central NY with a bachelor's degree in Education. Played in several bands through the years and has released three CDs with original music as well as covers. Expertise lies in beginning piano, guitar and voice. Genre types include rock, country rock and folk. I am not classically trained or jazz oriented. My teaching philosophy is simple. Give students a solid foundation and base to carry them in whatever direction they decide to go in the music industry or just to play for a hobby and pleasure. My experience in teaching has enhanced my awareness that music is a key factor in learning, helping with academic performance, social interaction mathematical ability and memory and spatial skills. It is also natural endorphin producer. Learning to play an instrument is a lifelong skill that builds confidence and discipline in a fun and positive way!

