

## MARK DILLON

Dr. Dillon is a musician / music educator born into a musical family. His first memories are of sitting on Dolly Parton's lap while watching his great-uncle Lloyd's Country-Western radio show. After finishing a degree in music theory and then a master's degree in guitar building, he started a business repairing guitars while playing music most nights in the Chicago area. Later, he became a high school music teacher and specialized in teaching popular music and recording. He later went on to get a master's degree and Ph.D. in music education. Currently he teaches commercial music at Guilford Technical Community College and songwriting at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. When not teaching, Dillon spends his free hours writing music for television, film and theater, as well as playing music with local bands. One of his most recent writing projects is a musical about mill organizer Ella May Wiggins.