## FRANCIS SANTA MARIA

(Biography)

Francis Sta. Maria is a guitar teacher at Tomas Music School since 2004. He holds teaching roles in Singapore Academic Schools as a Guitar Ensemble Conductor and Enrichment classes for over decades.

Francis attained his Grade 8 in Classical Guitar from Trinity College of Music in 2004 and ABRSM Theory Grade 5 in 2002. Apart from being a guitar instructor, Francis is also a full-time professional musician. He used to be with his formal band which he set up (HE-ARTS) performing in Beach Hut along East Coast Park from 2000 to 2012 and thereafter continued at Stella till today.

As a passionate songwriter, they released their CD album entitled "Move O All The Way" featuring 12 of their original songs. The band also involved in the soundtrack for local movie "Talking Cock" in 2002 featuring him as lead vocal.