Peter Nilsson

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Educator, author, and musician, Peter Nilsson is the co-author of *Irreplaceable: How AI Changes Everything (and Nothing) in Teaching and Learning* and the creator of *Schooled the Musical*. As an educator, he has been an English teacher, coach, tutor, head of school, and trustee, and serves on the advisory boards for SXSW EDU and the Center for Curriculum Redesign. As a musician, he has composed and performed in a variety of settings, from classical to jazz to hip-hop, bluegrass, and more, including performances at the Rockwood Music Hall, the Bitter End, B. B. King's, and the Newport Folk Festival. Learn more about him at peternilsson.us.

Long Bio · 248 words

Peter Nilsson is an educator and musician. He has served as a head of school, administrator, teacher, tutor, coach, and board member in schools for over 20 years. Most recently, he was Head of School at King's Academy in Jordan. Before that, he taught, coached, and served in a variety of roles at Deerfield Academy, where he taught English and digital humanities. He is the vice-chair of the board of trustees at the Canterbury School.

Deeply engaged in the intersection of technology and education, he is the co-author of *Irreplaceable: How AI Changes Everything (and Nothing) in Teaching and Learning*. He won a 2017 Innovation Award from Wolfram Research for the design of a digital humanities course, the first Wolfram Innovation Award given to a high school teacher. He is the founder of Athena Lab, a technology platform for teachers to share practices, and is the editor of The Educator's Notebook, a newsletter that circulates education and learning related news from around the web for the purpose of promoting innovation in education.

As a musician, Peter composed and performed in New York City with bands, in classical settings, with hip-hop performers, in off-Broadway theater, and other contexts, including at the Rockwood Music Hall, B. B. King's, The Bitter End, and the Newport Folk Festival. He is the creator of *Schooled the Musical*, a new musical under development that has had readings in New York City, in San Diego, at Austin's SXSW EDU festival, and most recently in Pittsburgh.

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