

# New dad Moon still gets rush from area gigs

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Jacob Moon's performance at Rush's Canadian Songwriter's Hall of Fame induction ceremony was supposed to be last year's highlight, but something else trumped it.

He became a dad for the first time.

Mr. Moon and his wife, Allison, adopted one-and-a-half-year-old Gabriel last April.

"He totally brightens up our days. He's just happy to be alive," Mr. Moon said from his Hamilton home. "Through his eyes, it's all good."

The decision to adopt was made in 2009 after the couple went to El Salvador to visit their sponsor child Sara.

"She just totally took our concept of how we saw ourselves (and put it) on its head," he said.

You would think being a first-time father would move Mr. Moon's career from full speed ahead into neutral. In fact, he's busier than ever thanks to all of the industry contacts he made at Rush's induction ceremony.

He plays the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park March 26, with special guest cellist Ben Bolt-Martin.

"I've got to make room for him in my own sound and guitar playing... and bring out the best of what the cello has to offer," Mr. Moon said of the unorthodox pairing.

Mr. Moon's latest release is an instructional music DVD series, which was funded entirely by his fans.

"Your fans are your record company, so approach them with your idea and see if they'll back it," Mr. Moon said.

His fans liked the concept so much, they actually donated more than the \$6,000 Mr. Moon budgeted for the project.

## COMING UP

Mr. Moon has spent the past 15 years working as a professional songwriter and performer, but he also loves to teach.

The Music Room with Jacob Moon, an Instructional Series, contains three discs of songwriting, guitar playing and live looping, which is what creates Mr. Moon's trademark "wall of guitar textures".

It was released last December.

In 2008, he became a YouTube sensation thanks to his rooftop rendition of Rush's Subdivisions.

"(Being a professional musician is) not quite what I thought it would be," he said, noting he always thought if you worked hard enough you would become a household name and tour the world.

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"My aspirations haven't taken me around the world because I'm a homebody. I like playing a gig and then driving home," said Mr. Moon, who played Springvale and East-Ridge churches on previous visits to Stouffville.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and available at [www.ticketwindow.ca](http://www.ticketwindow.ca). A \$10 discount is available by typing in the promo code nineteen19.

For more information: go to [www.jacobmoon.com/index.php](http://www.jacobmoon.com/index.php)



Hamilton recording artist Jacob Moon returns to Stouffville March 26 for a concert at Nineteen on the Park.

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