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Michael taught full time at SOAS, University of London, from 1986 to 2009 and now teaches traditional solo honkyoku, sankyoku ensemble and shinkyoku music at his home near Oxford, UK, as well as at workshops in London. He has performed widely in the UK and is the founder member of the 'London Hogaku Ensemble' and 'Hibiki', has featured in numerous solo and ensemble performances and as an accompanist in recitals with visiting traditional Japanese performers in the UK.

Michael was the co-organiser of the European Shakuhachi Summer Schools with Koto and Shamisen held in London in 2006, 2007 and 2011 and is also a member of the Chikumeisha-kai.

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