

MATT WITHERS

Australian Guitarist



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BIOGRAPHY

Matt is an ambassador for Australian music, a well-established pedagogue, performer and mentor for musicians globally.

His career has seen him perform with esteemed artists including William Barton, the Carl Pini Quartet and national orchestras whilst maintaining strong commitments in the leading Australian chamber music groups *Guitar Trek* alongside Timothy Kain, *AM* and *The Brew Guitar Duo*.

Matt has a strong history of performing, recording and commissioning Australian works from distinguished composers and his generational peers. With studio albums released on *ABC Classics* (Australia) and *Soundset Recordings* (USA), he thrives on reaching wider audiences, broadening and expanding their musical horizons.

His innovative activities include the creation of the *Matt Withers Australian Music Composition Competition* which gives an avenue of support for composers to have their music reach the ears and hearts of their audience. Matt has presented lectures in Europe on his passion *The Entrepreneurial Guitarist* to blossoming artists, eager to also find their niche in the musical world.

Matt has performed across the globe including being featured as a *Rising Star* at the World Expo in Shanghai (China). He has given showcase performances across Australia, New Zealand and Europe with highlights at embassies, universities, festivals and more. He has been invited as an adjudicator for major competitions including the *Melbourne International Guitar Festival* (Australia) and the *Uppsala Guitar Festival* (Sweden).

Withers is a mentor for young, emerging musicians as shown through his role as Patron for the Senior Ensemble of *SAYGE - the South Australian Youth Guitar Ensemble*. He regularly presents masterclasses for tertiary students having mentored around Australia and internationally including New Zealand and Europe.

With a strong social media following, Matt is truly an all-round musician of the 21st century. He has developed a passion as a sound engineer, graphic designer and marketing manager for his activities earning him the praise "*the recording is excellent, as is the presentation.*" (UK Classical Guitar Magazine)

Matt's feet also keep the beat, as he is a keen ballroom and Latin dancer, enjoying social and competition dancing. With this combined passion Matt is looking forward to a long career in The Arts.

