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Gerard Mapstone



Gerard Mapstone is without doubt one of Australia's finest classical and flamenco guitarists. Gerard is currently composing new works for guitar to be released later this year.

Gerard Mapstone was trained at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, and won the classical guitar prize at the age of nineteen. With a much more desired need for flamenco he then studied in Spain and lived in Jerez de la Frontera. He studied with Jose Ignacio Franco who is a renowned flamenco Guitarist in Andalusia.

Gerard then moved to England and joined flamenco fusion band Candela. Together they supported Tomatito and Estrella Morente at the Barbican Theatre in London, along with WOMAD in Reding, Brighton Fringe Festival, Dali Gallery and live on Juice FM and BBC Radio. Whilst in England, Gerard continued his studies with Carlos Bonell, guitar professor at the Royal College of Music, London. Gerard first came in contact with Carlos when he was 17 at a summer workshop in Brisbane, which discussed the works of Albeniz.

Since returning to Australia Gerard has performed at the Tyalgum Classical Music Festival, Woodford Folk Festival, QLD Music Festival, Brunswich Music Festival Melbourne, Noosa Jazz Festival, Festival of Colour (NZ), guest soloist with members of The Queensland Orchestra and Marist Youth Orchestra, guest soloist with The Kelvin Grove Wind Orchestra, QPAC Doch and the Great Siberian Circus, The Greatest Show on Earth in Longreach (QMF), Electric Lennin The Opera in Lismore (QMF) and Live on ABC Classic FM.

Gerard Mapstone along with more soloists, classical, Jazz and Flamenco guitarists are available from Brisbane Bands And Entertainment Services on **0733505078**.

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Candela

Salvador Dali Gallery London

WOMAD Redding (UK)

Spiegel Tent Brighton Fringe Festival (UK)

Spiegel Tent Brisbane Music Festival (AUS)

Spiegel Tent Wannaka Festival of Color (NZ)

Woodford Folk Festival

Guest soloist with the Kelvin Grove Wind Symphony Orchestra

Guest soloist with members of the QLD Orchestra and the Marist Youth Orchestra

Noosa Jazz Festival (support Cat Empire) with Laique

Tyalgum Festival of Classical Music (young virtuosi and peoples choice)

Brunswick Festival Melbourne with DOCH

QPAC Doch and the Great Siberian Circus

QLD Music Festival Electric Lenin the Opera, Lismore

QLD Music Festival the Greatest Show on Earth, Longreach

Oz Manouch Festival

Eider Festival with Philippe Barns (UK)

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The Rocket Festival with DJ Bacon and the B Funk All-stars

James Morrison Ball

Ambassador of Spain with Dale Cana

Fete de la Musique

Live on ABC Classic FM (AUS)

Live on BBC Radio with Candela (UK)

Teaching history:

Mater Dei Catholic Primary School 2002-2003

St Peter Chanell Catholic Primary School 2002-2003

Mansfield State High School 2003

The Brighton Guitar Shop (UK) 2004-2005

Aguilera Guitars (UK) 2004-2005

Marist Rosalie 2006

Marist Ashgrove 2005-2007

Brigidine College 2008

Private tuition included throughout 1999-2008

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Workshops and Master Classes:

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| Mind Ventures (University of Queensland) 2008 | Lecturing Spanish history of music |
| Bonyi International Youth Music Festival 2007 | Guitar workshop |
| Festival of Color (NZ) 2007 | DOCH workshop Balkan gypsy music |
| Brisbane Boys College 2007 | DOCH workshop Balkan gypsy music |
| Marist Ashgrove 1999 2000 | Guitar master class |
| Tyalgum Classical music festival 2003 2005 | Guitar master class/ workshop |

Recording History:

Bride in a Red Dress by The DOCH Gypsy Orchestra (AUS)

Guest appearance on:

To Sleep by guitarist Lee Westwood (UK)

Wish Hill by All Jigged Out (UK)

Jigeria by Candela (UK)

Tomorrow by Preference (AUS)

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