

WILL HENDERSON

CLASSICAL/FLAMENCO GUITARIST

LONG BIOGRAPHY

Will Henderson is a Sydney based professional guitarist.

His passion bloomed in the mid north coast where he started participating in regional competitions/ eisteddfod's and was lucky enough to win the David Helfgott Scholarships which meant he could get a beautiful guitar made for him by Peter Biffin. After scoring perfect marks in music extension in the HSC he was chosen to perform solo in the Sydney Opera House for the Encore concert. He was then accepted and given numerous scholarships to study at the Sydney Conservatorium of music. Now out in the real world with a Bachelor of music on his wall, Will attributes his and passion and musical versatility to a musical upbringing through the Suzuki Method.

Will Began studying the classical guitar in 2000 with teachers including Steven Tafra, Tony Dawson, Karin Braidwood, and Raffaele Agostino, and is inspired by delicate and moving pieces of the genre. He generally rates his abilities on whether or not he can make his grandparents cry or fall asleep.

He is the guitarist in the Classical/Pop group Aston who are a Youtube success story, getting millions of hits, a world wide fan base, a record contract with Warner Records, a season on channel 7 as house band for The Matty Johns Show and have produced a self titled album.

His future motivations in the area of classical revolve around touring/playing with Aston, musical therapy, composition and recording a solo classical album.

Will has always been drawn to the raw power, energy and beauty of flamenco. After meeting and learning from Gerard Mapstone at a Sydney guitar summer school in 2006, Will's passion for flamenco has lead to him travelling Australia to study with Australia's best flamenco guitarists including; Gerard Mapstone, Damian Wright, Richard Tedesco, Aloysius Leeson and Gregorio Alfonzetti. His Flamenco 5 piece "Los Monos" has been very successful, regularly playing to packed crowds at most of Sydney's major venues and was received very well in Andalucia on their recent tour to Spain.

Will has spent a short amount of time accompanying dancers at Diana Reye's Flamenco Company under the tuition of Felipe Kunz and Karl Krebs and has also worked a lot with Marina Tamayo/ Flamenco del Mar. He has studied overseas in Cadiz and Sevilla under the guidance of Keko Baldomero and

aspires to do a lot more in depth study of the beautiful art, as he feels he is only just scratching the surface.

Jazz is also a facet of Will's musicality, he was lucky enough to be able to partake in Jazz topics and ensembles at the Con and has had lessons with Guy Strazzulo, Steve Mckenna, Steve Brian, Aaron Flower and James Muller. His Aviatonal/Jazz/Hiphop band The Conscious Pilots are currently ascending to high altitudes and are planning to release their single Refuel and join the festival circuit 2011/12.

His groups regularly feature live to air on ABC classic fm and local Sydney radio stations.

Will has also had the privilege to play at the Global Carnivale and several other gigs with Brazilian band Samba Mundi and also partake in the 1000% Guapo tour with Colombian rock band Watussi.

Will's teaching experience spans over 8 years Including presently teaching privately at home, at St Andrews Cathedral School and at Camp Creative festival, Bellingen 2008- present along side with fellow guitarist, great friend and mentor Anthony Garcia.

He currently performs with Los Monos, The Conscious Pilots and Aston.

To hear some of Will's music please visit:

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