



MICHAEL MACMANUS

Artist, teacher and entrepreneur, **Michael** has established himself as an internationally recognised guitarist and a comfortable B&B host for visiting world-renowned guitarists.

As a performer, Michael has been invited to give solo recitals at the 2014 Mount Beauty International Music Festival and appeared as a guest performer during the “John Williams on Toast” event at the 2014 Adelaide International Guitar Festival. Throughout April and May 2016, Michael undertook a 13 concert regional Victorian tour with generous support from Creative Victoria as part of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music Guitar Quartet. In May 2016, Michael was invited to become a permanent member of one of Australia’s leading ensembles, the Melbourne Guitar Quartet (MGQ). This new appointment led to Michael’s debut at the Melbourne Recital Centre in July, performing with MGQ to a full house.

After completing a bachelor of Music with first class honours, Michael was awarded a very highly competitive Australian Post-Graduate Award Scholarship to undertake his Master degree in 2015, majoring in classical guitar performance at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Michael’s students are part of an elite group of Australia’s next generation of classical guitar performers. Many have received prizes in local and national eisteddfods and are regularly given the opportunity to partake in unique performance opportunities and master classes with many of the world’s best guitarists.

A passion to reinvigorate the Melbourne guitar scene and present educational and career opportunities for Australian guitarists prompted Michael to create and co-found the Melbourne Guitar Foundation (MGF). Part of Michael’s work with the MGF involves organising an international concert series and Australia’s largest annual classical guitar festival and competition.

Michael currently plays a 2012 Greg Smallman and Sons guitar.