



BENJAMIN DIX

An honours graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts, **Benjamin Dix** is an accomplished musician in both classical and improvisational streams, having performed numerous in studio, concert, and in live broadcasts with ABC and 3MBS radio. Benjamin has been fortunate to have worked with some of Melbourne and Australia's leading artists, as well as having taken classes with highly acclaimed guitarists Pavel Steidl, David Leisner, Alex Tsiboulski and David Malone.

Receiving substantial praise through his performances in competition, Benjamin was nominated for the Margaret Sutherland Bursary Award in 2003 and later received the Kingston Arts Fellowship Grant in 2004. This award initiated his focus and direction to collaborate with many Melbourne based composers in performing and recording new solo and chamber compositions.

After completing the first year of a Masters of Music Performance Degree at the Victorian College of the Arts (University of Melbourne) Benjamin obtained leave from the course in 2009 to join the Melbourne Guitar Quartet (MGQ). Since then, Benjamin has worked primarily with MGQ, recording two albums with the quartet and contributing significantly to the award winning group with his unique and innovative arrangements of established '*classics*' and other selected works, in turn enhancing a *new* guitar quartet repertoire.

A highly sought after and well-respected teacher, Benjamin currently tutors privately as well as conducts ensembles at various schools across Melbourne including the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School. He also divides his time with arranging, co-authoring syllabi, conducting workshops, master-classes and sitting on examination panels. Over recent years, Benjamin has also made connections with Guitar ensembles and community based music groups in Germany, conducting rehearsals and arranging new works for ensembles. Benjamin is also a patron of the Classical Guitar Society of Victoria as well as the chief arranger, director and conductor of the CGSV Guitar Orchestra.

