

Doug Martin Jazz Guitarist



San Francisco Bay Area jazz guitarist, Doug Martin, has performed with some of the finest artists on the West coast and abroad including Germany based gypsy guitarist and composer, Lulo Reinhardt, Grammy award winning guitarist John Jorgenson, gypsy guitarist Mike Reinhardt, guitarist Paul Mehling of the Hot Club of San Francisco, Swedish guitarist Andreas Öberg, Dutch gypsy guitarist Paulus Schafer, French vocalist Jessica Fichot, as well as legendary jazz guitar virtuosos Howard Alden and Mimi Fox.

You can find Doug performing throughout the year in various gypsy jazz and strait ahead jazz ensembles in the US, Asia and Europe.

Projects

In the greater San Francisco Bay Area you'll find Doug performing with his own band, Doug Martin Avatar Ensemble, which includes guitarist Jason Vanderford, mandolinist Mike Zisman and bassist Joe Kyle Jr.

The ensemble performs original compositions along with traditional gypsy swing, bebop, Latin jazz and gypsy waltzes in an all acoustic format. You can hear the group on their 2009 album entitled "Giniker".

In addition to his own ensemble, Doug tours throughout the year as rhythm guitarist in the John Jorgenson Quintet. The JJQ tours throughout the US and abroad most months out of the year performing original gypsy jazz compositions as well as the music of Django Reinhardt.

In recent years Doug has performed as a member of the Lulo Reinhardt Latin Swing Project headed by Sinti-gypsy guitarist Lulo Reinhardt, descendent of Django and

Schnuckenack Reinhardt. Doug can be heard on Lulo Reinhardt's 2007 release "Latin Swing Quartet" as well as the 2008 release "Latin Swing Project Live in Melbourne".

Additionally, Doug can be heard on the 2010 release "Look Both Ways" by the Greg Ruby Quartet.

"Doug Martin plays with fire, precision, and creativity and is part of the new breed of guitarists that are carrying on the Django tradition with such fervor...recommended!"
-Jazz guitar luminary Mimi Fox

Background

A San Francisco Bay Area native, Doug Martin, began playing guitar at age 12 and has been performing publically since his teens. Having played in rock and blues oriented contexts in his youth Doug began playing jazz in his early 20s. Doug has been playing jazz primarily for the last 15 years including various forms of swing, Latin and gypsy jazz.

Hailing from the San Francisco area, Doug has been fortunate to study music with some of the best in the jazz world including jazz guitar giant Warren Nunes as well as legendary San Francisco pianist and educator Charles "Gus" Gustavson.

Booking

Doug Martin is available for music performance as well as private or group jazz guitar instruction. He can be contacted at:

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