

Andrew Veivers

Spanish Guitarist

One of Australia's finest Spanish Guitarists, Andrew Veivers draws on a wide range of musical influences to evoke the sensual and mesmerising sounds of the Spanish guitar in all of its guises.



From the beginning, Andrew combined the traditional study of flamenco with the formal training of the classical guitar. After graduating with a Bachelor of Music in 1993 from the University of Queensland (St. Lucia) Andrew spent 3 years studying, teaching and performing in London, Madrid and Amsterdam.

At venues ranging from Blenheim Palace (UK) to The Dillington Classical Guitar Festival (UK) to chamber music series' in Amsterdam to concerts at many of Australia's leading festivals, Andrew has appeared as a soloist as well as with his various groups (Flamenco Fire, SARS (now The Saruzu Quartet), Jaleos Flamenco, Estilo Flmenco) to great critical acclaim.

Alongside his performance schedule Andrew has continued his dedication to the teaching of the Spanish Guitar. After being on the teaching staff for many years at the Classical Guitar School in Brisbane and The Spanish Guitar Centre in London, Andrew opened The Spanish Guitar Studio in Brisbane in 1997. Now in its tenth year of operation, The Spanish Guitar Studio has teaching studios in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. Building on Andrew's teaching credits he has recently been invited to teach flamenco guitar at the Queensland Conservatorium in their new World Music Program at The Young Conservatorium that was officially launched in 2007.

Andrew's solo debut recording – *Jaleos* – was recently awarded Best Album (Folk, Ethnic and Other) at the *Queensland Recording Association's* Sunnie Awards. In 2006, one of Andrew's compositions – *Guarijas* - was a finalist in the Queensland Song Awards World and Folk category.

Andrew's current ensembles include Australia's only national flamenco touring company - Flamenco Fire, flamenco-tango-jazz band – *SARS*, & *Flamenco-Indo-Jazz* (with Kacey Patrick (Stringmansassy), Dheeraj Shrestha (Dya Singh) & jazz pianist – Steve Newcombe). Andrew has also been a special guest guitarist in the Doch Gypsy Orchestra since 2002.