

Michael Fix Biography 2019

Put a guitar into Michael Fix's hands and the emotional possibilities of music are suddenly released. This remarkable composer and musician has the power to create myriad sensory experiences through his music - it captures and conveys emotions, experiences and images with ease.

Over the past 25 years, he's released fifteen albums, together with several singles, EPs, and books, and has established himself as one of Australia's finest guitarists and composers, regularly performing in Australia, Europe, and Asia.

Michael began performing in his home town of Wollongong at the age of 12, and in his early twenties moved to Sydney, where he was discovered by the legendary Tommy Emmanuel, who became a mentor to the young guitarist.

Michael's credentials include acclaimed Sydney band **Hat Trick**, which he joined in 1985. Hat Trick specialised in eclectic versions of classical and folk pieces. 1991-95 saw Michael working with award-winning singer/songwriter **Graeme Connors**, touring Australia several times as lead guitarist with Connors' *Prodigal Sons* band.

In 1991, Michael also found time to produce his debut solo album *Tantalise*, and to build up a strong and rapidly growing following for his work with a succession of solo shows.

In 1999, Michael was recognised by the CMAA with his first Instrumental of the Year **Golden Guitar**, for the catchy *Mr Wonglepong*. He went on to win the award the following year with *Walkin' the Walk*, and took it out again in 2003 with *Mulga Dan*.

He's also toured with artists as diverse as **Albert Lee**, **Christine Anu** and **Anne Murray**, as well as appearing with the world's greatest guitarists - including **Leo Kottke**, **Tommy Emmanuel** and **Martin Taylor** - at festivals throughout the world.

On Australia Day 1997, Michael opened the *Gift to a Nation* concert, performing *Classical Gas* with **Tommy Tycho's orchestra**. This event was filmed before 150,000 people and telecast live across the nation on the Seven Network.

Michael regularly presents guitar workshops to aspiring guitarists captivated by both his expertise on the guitar and his original music. Michael believes strongly that his music is a gift which should be shared.

Over the years, he has taken the chance to use his music to assist others. In 1995, he penned *Bush Bash* to raise funds for the **Variety Club of Australia**. The song was used as part of the Variety Club's annual car rally. In 2002, following the death of legendary country guitarist **Barry Thornton**, Michael recorded *Remembering Barry Thornton*, a fundraising EP to assist Barry's family. He also penned a single in memory of Barry, *Mulga Dan*.

The song went on to win Michael his third **Instrumental of the Year Golden Guitar**, as well as taking out the 2003 **Victorian Country Music Award** in the Instrumental category.

Recognition of Michael's extraordinary talents on the guitar has led to major ongoing sponsorship deals with **Maton Guitars** (Australia), **D'Addario Strings** (USA), **AER amplification** (Germany), **Arobas Guitar Pro software** (France), and **Shubb** (USA). In 2004, Michael received the first Michael Fix signature model Maton guitar, an honour bestowed on only a handful of players worldwide. In 2013, readers of **Guitarist Australia** Magazine voted Michael as one of "top 25 Australian guitarists of all time"

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Career highlights

- 2004 – present, Bi-annual European Tours, voted "Top 25 Australian guitarists of all time", annual "Acoustic Guitar Spectacular" (Australia)
- 2016, 2018 China concerts
- 2012 South Africa tour,
- 2008, 2009 tours of Japan.
- 2004 & 2001 Queensland Recording Association winner, Instrumental album of the Year
- 2003 CMAA Golden Guitar winner, Instrumental of the Year, "Mulga Dan"
- 2003 Victorian Country Music Award, Best Instrumental, "Mulga Dan"
- 2000 CMAA Golden Guitar winner, Instrumental of the Year, "Walkin' the Walk"
- 2000 Release of "Michael Fix" signature model guitar by Maton Guitars
- 2000 Invited to perform at the Chet Atkins Appreciation Society convention, Nashville
- 1999 CMAA Golden Guitar winner, Instrumental of the Year, "Mr Wonglepong"
- 1999 International guitar festival with Leo Kottke, Martin Taylor & Tommy Emmanuel, Auckland NZ
- 1997 Australia Day: Opened the Gift to a Nation concert, performing "Classical Gas" with Tommy Tycho's orchestra. (150.000 people live and telecast on Seven Network).
- 1997 Australian tour with Canadian singer Anne Murray
- 1997 Soloist with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, presenting the music of Gershwin all over Australia
- 1995 Australian tour with US guitar legend Albert Lee.
- 1994 release of "Bush Bash" in conjunction with the Variety Club Bash to raise funds for children
- Regular TV appearances on 'Good Morning Australia'

Festival performances over the past decade include regular appearances at the Bangkok Guitar festival, Open Strings Festival (Osnabruck), Dunkirque Guitar Festival, Sarzana International Guitar Meeting, Frankston Guitar Festival, Woodford Folk Festival, Gympie Muster, Tamworth Country Music Festival, Port Fairy Folk Festival, Norfolk Island Country Music Festival, Lord Howe Island Music Festival, Illawarra Folk Festival, Grafton Music Festival, Blue Mountains Festival, Jabiru Festival of the Wind, Top Half Folk Festival, Grafton Artsfest, NZ Mainland Festival, Wintermoon, Christchurch festival of romance, and the Emerald Country Music Festival.

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Discography

Albums

- * Acoustic Guitar Spectacular 2018 (with Andrea Valeri & Sarah Koppen)
- * Shadows & Light (with Christine Collister 2017)
- * Bending Air (2016)
- * Fix (2015)
- * Lines and Spaces (2014)
- * Time Lines (2012)
- * Two Timing (2011)
- * ClassicFix (2009)
- * Rewind (2007)
- * Somethings Cooking (2005)
- * Web of Dreams (2003)
- * Sunday Morning (2001)
- * Transfixed (2000)
- * The Heart Has Reasons (1996, re-release 2004)
- * Fingerpaintings (1993)
- * Tantalise (1992)

EPs

- * Remembering Barry Thornton (2002)
- * Promise (1998)

Singles

- * Walkin' the Walk (1999)
- * Breakup Breakdown (1997)
- * Restless (1996)
- * Falling (1995)
- * Sundaze (1995)
- * Bush Bash (1994)

Video/DVD, books

- * Walking Bass Grooves (2019)
- * Play With Feeling (2013)
- * Play like Michael Fix (2010)
- * Noted! (2007)
- * No Secrets! (1997)