



MARTINEZ

It is said...

“Victor Martinez is one of the greatest Avant Garde guitarists ever” Victor, Andro and Dauno are father and sons. Victor, an extremely accomplished composer, teacher and leader in his field, leads the Martinez family. Born in Chile they all play six string acoustic and electric guitar, bass and also use their instruments as percussion and vocal beat box. One minute they play in unison, the next in harmony, then across and against each other, it is calm then chaotic, beautiful then forceful.

It is difficult to fully describe them until you’ve heard them. The interplay and understanding that flows through them is inspiring, endearing and infectious.

They truly captivate their audience as they stretch each other’s ability with a flourish here and an astonishing variation there.

Anyone! Or anyone who plays a guitar, anyone who aspires to playing guitar, anyone who enjoys listening to guitar must see these incredible players.

Martinez has been performing professionally since 1997 since then they have played a large number of venues around the country.

Some career highlights:

Sydney Opera House in series of concerts as headline and support in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007

Throughout the Australian festival circuit including:

Byron Bay Blues and roots festival, Peats Ridge Eco-Festival, Thredbo jazz festival, Thredbo world festival, The Rocks Aroma Festival, Live Events Festival, Femme Funk Festival, Cronulla Jazz Festival, Bondi beach Latin festival, Brunswick st mall festival (Brisbane), Woodford festival (woodford), Bellingen global festival (bellingen), Ecofest (Townsville), Ecofest (cairns), Brisbane Festival, Adelaide Guitar Festival, Darling Harbour Latin Fiesta.

Represented Australia in the 2005 world expo in Aichi Japan

Martinez has toured with artists such as:

Ozomatli, Santana, Julio Iglesias, Gypsy Kings, Buena Vista Social Club, Michael Franti, Diana Krall, Andy Summers Trio(The Police), Concrete Blonde, Jesse Cook, George, Human Nature, George Benson, Brian Ferry, The Beach Boys, Anthony Callea, Richard Clapton, Tuck n Patty, Blind Boys of Alabama, Angelic Kidjo, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, The King Solomon Burke, Concrete Blonde, Jackson Brown, Thirty Odd Foot Of Grunts (Russell Crowe Band), Machine Gun Fellatio, To Name a Few.

Martinez Has a long trail also in the corporate world including clients such as communications Giant Telstra, Red carpet Movie premiers, The Mo awards, Australian of the Year Awards, Yamaha Musical Instruments, Australian Federal Labor Party including The prime Minister and many more.

International tours:

As previously mentioned Martinez represented Australia in the 2005 world expo in aichi, japan.

In April/May of 2008 Martinez went on a very successful promotional tour to Tokyo, Japan with over 27 shows. Because of the huge response of the April-May Japanese tour.

In November of 2008 they went on a follow up national tour of japan this time performing in Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe and Nagoya.

Martinez was extremely well received and performed at one of Japan's most prestigious venues "The Bottom Line" Nagoya, featured in national radio in Nagoya and Osaka with interviews and Martinez has been added to their playlist,

together with the help of Austrade in Osaka and promoters throughout the rest of Japan Martinez is securing a sure future in one of the world's biggest music industry. Because of the success of this tour they were asked to perform in April of 2009 thru out Japan, Victor has been approached by guitar Manufacturer Giant Yairi Guitars in Japan to develop the custom shop Victor Martinez Model.

In July/August 2009 Martinez returned to Japan and showcase and have secured distribution in Japan with a release through Buffalo Records showcases at the same time.

In December of 2009 Martinez went on a Christmas tour of Japan.

2010 has started as an exciting year already featured in the east coast Blues and roots festival 2010 touring with The Gypsy Kings, Buena Vista Social Club and Ozomatli, in May/June Martinez will be in China for the Shanghai World Expo as a representative of Australian culture. In spring Martinez will be as part of the Sapporo jazz festival and the Kanzawa jazz street festival in Japan.

Future prospects:

In 2010 Martinez will perform at the Byron Bay Blues festival, Tour Japan and perform at the Sapporo Jazz Festival and the Kanazawa Jazz Festival

In 2014 Martinez performed at the Inaugural Soulfest Festival on 18.12.14

QUOTES

George Benson

"...Martinez had an interesting approach to JAZZ and POP, highly energetic jazz laced with flamenco flair and modern improvisation by three Great Guitarist..."

Michael Franti Spearhead "...their live show left me inspired each night of the tour. Definitely some of the most talented musicians I have ever seen..."

Jeff Hamilton (Diana Krall) "...the music benefits from their intensity and passion.... so does the listener!"
Byron Bay blues festival 2010 ... "This is probably the greatest acoustic guitar band in the country – and yet another must-see at Bluesfest"

Sunday Telegraph March 2010 ... "The band has an endearing, inspiring and infectious energy and it shows in their performance"



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