

## **Billy Watman in Concert: March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

Billy is an award winning Anglo-Brazilian instrumental guitarist. Inspired by Rodrigo y Gabriela, Tommy Emmanuel & Mike Oldfield, his style fuses the genres of Flamenco & Classical with Rock & Pop. In 2022 he was awarded a diploma of higher education in classical guitar from The Royal College of Music in London. Billy's videos of popular songs played in this style have received many millions of views across on-line platforms and his performances of *Bohemian Rhapsody* have been praised and shared by both Queen and Brian May's official channels. In 2016, aged just 14, he reached the grand final of 'Guitar Star' - a guitar-based talent show open to all ages for Sky Arts TV, which was broadcast worldwide. Billy stunned audiences with some extraordinary performances - for judges and mentors - including George Benson, Black Sabbath legend Tony Iommi, and David Bowie's producer Tony Visconti, who described him as 'a little genius'. In 2022, Billy was invited by Adam Wakeman (Black Sabbath/Ozzy Osbourne) to open all of the UK dates of his 'Jazz Sabbath' tour. A regular at UK and European festivals, including Guitar Summit and the Edinburgh Fringe, he has also appeared at Towersey Festival, supporting Midge Ure, and at the Henley Festival - on the same bill as The Pet Shop Boys and Chaka Khan. TV and radio work has included guest appearances with comedian Rory Bremner at two sold-out shows in Edinburgh. Billy has independently released 2 full-length studio albums, *Riversong* (2018) and *Back Street Kid* (2021) as well as a six-track Queen-inspired EP, *On with the Show* (2020). Equally at ease on both steel and nylon strings and refusing to be 'pigeon-holed' into a specific style, Billy's live shows offer a mesmerising, genre-defying journey, with repertoire spanning Classical, Flamenco and Pop, through to Disco and Classic Rock – all on one guitar. He is officially endorsed by several major brands, including Ortega Guitars, who in 2022 released a signature model in his name.

If you want to check out the genius that is Billy Watman, go to [Billy Watman - Solo Instrumental Guitarist](#)