

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

It's no surprise that the prestigious Black Rose Acoustic Society in Colorado USA describes Australian guitarist, Nick Charles, as "a world class stylist and composer". His dazzling, melodic fingerpicking on 6 and 12 string guitars, stinging slide and a lifetime's stories and songs from the musical highway has him labelled by the Melbourne Age as "Australia's virtuoso of acoustic roots and blues"

During an extensive and acclaimed career, Nick has released many albums on major roots and guitar music labels. He has garnered world-wide recognition for a series of releases on

Black Market Music, beginning with "My Place" and now his most recent albums, "Closer to Home" and "Return of the Travelling Fingerpicker". This recognition has succeeded in having Nick signed to the Grammy award winning label, **Solid Air Records USA** ("*Home of the world's finest guitarists*").

Averaging 150 shows a year in Australia, New Zealand the USA and the UK, his music encompasses an eclectic mix of acoustic roots including blues, folk and early ragtime jazz.

WHAT SOME OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT NICK'S MUSIC & PERFORMANCE

"Dazzling guitar, muscular vocals and clever, literate writing!" LITTLE ROCK FOLK CLUB ARKANSAS, USA

"An awesome talent" AUSTRALIAN GUITAR MAGAZINE

"Plays guitar like an angel" SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

"Amazingly expressive" MELBOURNE HERALD SUN

SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCES IN RECENT TIMES

Port Fairy Folk Festival 2005-10; Walnut Valley Festival (USA) 2010, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2003
Australian Blues Festival 2009; Fairbridge Folk Festival 2008; National Folk Festival 2010, 2008
150 shows in Australia, New Zealand and the USA in 2009; Edinburgh Festival 1995

DISCOGRAPHY

USA & INTERNATIONAL: released through **Solid Air Records** www.solidairrecords.com

"The Collection" (SACD 2054)

"Travelling Fingerpicker" (SACD 2055)

"Return of the Travelling Fingerpicker" (SACD 2096)

"De Lovely Guitar" (SACD 2062)

"Poppin' Guitars" (SACD 2086)

"Acoustic Guitar Highlights Vol 5" (SACD 2050)

AUSTRALIA: released through **Black Market Music** www.blackmarketmusic.com.au

"My Place" (BMM 232.2)

"Grace Notes" (BMM 250.2)

"Travelling Fingerpicker" (BMM 276.2)

"New Kind of Feeling" (BMM 306.2)

"Closer to Home" (BMM 328.2)

"Return of the Travelling Fingerpicker" (BMM 353.2)

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