

Michael Hardy, Guitarist

A native of Columbus, Michael learned to play popular music from his mother during his teen years. His interest soon turned to the classical guitar, and in 2001 he became the first guitarist to graduate with a Bachelor of Music degree from Columbus State University. He then went on to earn his Master of Music degree from The University of Texas. From 2004 to 2006, he headed the guitar studies at Campbell University and Chowan University in North Carolina. His continuing study of the guitar led him to the Peabody Conservatory where he was awarded a Graduate Performance Diploma. Michael is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Musical Arts at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York where he also serves as a teaching assistant. An explorer of new music and new audiences, Michael works to be at the forefront of the path of the guitar in the 21st century. He is a founder and the president of the Great Lakes Guitar Society. The society is dedicated to fostering an awareness and appreciation of the guitar and its repertoire throughout the Great Lakes region of the United States and believes that the guitar is an instrument whose popularity can make it a valuable tool in bridging the divide between musical genres in the twenty-first century.

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