

Gerard Cousins
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Gerard Cousins was the first guitarist to successfully create guitar versions of Philip Glass's piano music and was invited to release his recording on Glass's own record label - Orange Mountain Music. The album was featured on the front page of Apple Music and has currently been streamed well over a million times. Gerard followed this up with an EP of transcriptions of Grammy award winning choral composer Eric Whitacre which was playlisted on Classic FM and so far streamed well over 8 million times.

His latest album of Philip Glass music is called "The Poet Acts" was released in July on his new label - PrimaClassic.

Gerard has had entire radio programmes dedicated to his guitar playing and compositions on BBC Radio Wales and France Musique and appeared on TV as a finalist on Sky Arts 'Guitar Star'.

Gerard Cousins offers a classical guitar concert with a difference: His unique repertoire, audience interaction and sense of improvisation has seen him widen the appeal of the nylon strung guitar. His imaginative guitar arrangements of pieces by composers such as Philip Glass, Eric Whitacre and Arvo Part as well as his own compositions have seen his music spread to the mainstream.

A graduate of the University of Leeds and Enschede Conservatorium (Netherlands), Gerard Cousins is a highly trained musician with a meticulous eye for detail, yet his performances demonstrate a freedom and sense of improvisation which clearly communicates his spontaneous love of music and beautiful sound.

He has performed in many festivals and concert halls around the world, from the Purcell Room and Milton Court in London to Europe, South America and the Middle East. He has released 8 albums, each one focusing on a different area of music from traditional Spanish repertoire to his original compositions and unique re-imaginings of traditional Welsh music.

Gerard's compositions have been featured in films and TV and are performed by other guitarists all around the world. He was chosen to be the first 'Composer in Residence' at the 2019 Cardiff Guitar Festival. His arrangements of choral works by Eric Whitacre are published by Hal Leonard. Contact:

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