

MEN OF STEEL

The Art of the Steel String Guitar



Live: Men of Steel (CD)
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Their music is as diverse as their cultures. From the Mediterranean, Canada, Scotland, and the United States, these artists of the steel-string guitar create a spellbinding acoustic performanc.

Four of the most dynamic and powerful guitar artists in the world, each a master of the acoustic guitar, combine their talents into one amazing ensemble. Men of Steel is Beppe Gambetta (Italy), Dan Crary (US), Tony McManus (Scotland), and Don Ross (Canada).

Artists' Websites

Biographies, Touring Schedules,
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Beppe Gambetta is acknowledged as Europe's premier guitar stylist. He is a gifted acoustic guitarist and vocalist. His distinctive sound is a multi-cultural tapestry of traditional, original and classical music tunes and songs. Beppe's compositions and arrangements reflect a colorful mosaic of musical influences...from his native Genova, Italy to American flatpicking; Celtic, central European, and Mediterranean dance tunes; classical fingerstyle; and more. Beppe's charm, engaging personality, and remarkable versatility on acoustic guitar captivate audiences without exception.

Dan Crary is a musical legend, a pioneer of one of the most intricate yet powerful forms of American music, a flatpicking stylist with an international reputation for taste, innovation and brilliance. With 50 years as a performer, Crary is one of the few artists whose work can be said to transcend the boundaries of style and genre. As a solo artist, Dan has created a performance style that blends traditional material from a variety of American sources with original compositions, vocals with instrumental showcases, all woven together with stories and observations that share his experience and insights with the audience.

Tony McManus is ranked alongside the guitar world's all-time greats. Born near Glasgow, Scotland, Tony's fiendishly dexterous and dazzlingly original playing draws on traditions

from the entire Celtic diaspora - Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Galicia, Cape Breton, Quebec - along with still further-ranging flavors, such as jazz and east European

music. Long applauded for his uncanny ability to transpose the delicate, complex ornamentation characteristic of traditional bagpipe or fiddle tunes - even the phrasing of a Gaelic song - onto his own six strings, McManus is increasingly being acknowledged also as a pioneering figure in bridging the realms of Celtic music and other guitar genres.

Don Ross is one of the most respected musicians in Canada and one of the top guitarists in the world. The son of a Scottish immigrant father and a Mikm'aq aboriginal mother he was born into a musical family. By age 10 Don was already playing in alternate tunings and exploring fingerstyle technique, a right hand discipline similar to classical guitar playing. Preferring to follow his musical intuition in writing original material, Don's music displays a high degree of emotion and intensity. His self-taught musical journey results in an unclassifiable musical style that borrows from jazz, folk, rock and classical music. Don is one of today's true innovators of guitar composition and technique.



Concert Review of Men of Steel at Edinburgh Folk Club, April 2003

"The onstage craic, mutual respect and friendship were combined with musical skill, taste and an obvious love of music-making to produce an unforgettable listening experience....Dammit, I just wanted more of the whole thing."

Brian Miller, Celtic Roots

CD Review of Live: Men Of Steel ~ The Art of the Steel String Guitar

"Just want to let you know that, though the year is not even half over, I consider MEN OF STEEL to be one of the best CDs of the year and list it as such on my website. More importantly, it's giving me and my listeners a lot of pleasure."

John Weingart, WPRB, Princeton, New Jersey