



## Drazen Derek

As a soloist and ensemble guitarist, Drazen performs in a range of styles including Jazz, Classical, Avant-garde, Eastern European and Latin. He has performed and toured across Europe, the US and South America with international artists including Niels Pedersen, Carols Nunez, Hary Allen, The BBC Orchestra, The Celtic Connections Festival Orchestra, and Ravi Shankar.

In Ireland he has toured with The Cheiftans, the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Louis Stewart, Ritchie Buckley, Camille O'Sullivan, Oleg Ponomarev, Myles Drennan and Fionuala Sherry.

Drazen is a Founding Member of 'CAFÉ ORCHESTRA.' The Band has had great success throughout Ireland and was featured in Neil Jordans biopic 'MICHEAL COLLINS,' the score for the film won the Oscar nomination for the American Academy Awards.

He is currently in the final stages of a PhD in Guitar Improvisation at The Conservatory of Music under supervision of Dr. John Feeley. Drazen holds a Masters of Law degree from the University of Zagreb. He holds certificates of Music and Classical guitar under Dr. Silvije Barlowich (Vatroslav Lisinski School of Music in Karlstadt); and Balkan folk music under Miki Petkovski, renown Macedonian musician and composer.