

John H. Clarke – the musician behind “Acoustik Guitar”

John H. Clarke was born in Southern California, grew up in San Jose, CA and now resides in San Francisco.

John had an deep interest in music from an early age. He started taking guitar lessons when he was 11 and wanted to be a rock and roll star. As a rebellious teenager he didn't stick with his lessons and decided to teach himself. As a teen and young adult John was heavily influenced by the variety of music found on college and **independent** radio. He loved world and traditional music and their infusion with modern approaches and techniques. In effort to explore the rich tradition and roots of the guitar, John began learning about flamenco, Latin American and classical styles. John now plays nylon string Spanish made guitars almost exclusively.

In college, **John** put music on the back burner to pursue his deep interest in activism and social justice issues. He received his BA degree in the social science field at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He did manage to take a few music classes in college and he was a member of the UCSC Latin American Music Ensemble for two years.

After college **John** went to live in Mexico where he taught English for the University of Guadalajara. A year later he moved to Boston, MA. After a few jobs in the non-profit sector John re-discovered that music was his what made him truly happy. It happened in the humid **subways** of Boston where he began to play solo guitar as a street performer. The positive reaction and appreciation he got convinced him to make music his career.

John now works full-time as a guitarist and composer in the San Francisco Bay area. He is a featured musician for the world famous tourist attractions **Pier 39**, **Ghirardelli Square**, and **The Cannery** at Del Monte Square in San Francisco.

John has just released his new CD entitled “**Acoustik Guitar**.” In addition to continually promoting the CD and performing around the SF bay area he has several other projects in the works. He is currently producing music **videos** featuring songs from “Acoustik Guitar” which will be posted on **YouTube**. His channel is www.youtube.com/johnclarkemusic. Due to the enthusiastic response and requests he has gotten from the YouTube community for the sheet music, he will also be publishing a music book that will include complete **transcriptions** of ten of his original works for guitar. Instructional videos will also be added to You Tube as a free benefit all those interested in learning the guitar.

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