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AMERICAN GUITAR MASTERS



LARRY PATTIS



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American Guitar Masters is comprised of **Peter Janson** and **Larry Pattis** - two acclaimed American Fingerstyle acoustic guitarists whose solo careers encompass nearly 50 years of performing and recording, and whose sensibilities are very much affected by today's world. They have numerous recordings to their credit and have performed widely across North America, from large concert stages, to elite clubs, to intimate house concerts.

One theme is evident in today's world: music is accessible as never before. But something may have been lost in the process: intimacy - the quality of the musical experience to transport the listener to his or her own place, above the noise and confusion of the culture.

This means the artist must provide much more than music that is pleasantly diverting. It must be music that not only entertains, but is also evocative and engrossing, with roots in tradition and a sense of history, while addressing and capturing the sounds, rhythms, and urgency of the contemporary world.

Intimacy in performance, however, involves more than simply having notes come out of the guitar. It involves establishing a deep connection between the artist and the audience, with a deep respect for the audience on the part of the performer. The music must be compelling, to be sure, but the concert experience must also be much more than the artist saying, in effect, "Sit there and watch me play." It must honor the audience.

American Guitar Masters artists Peter Janson and Larry Pattis share a mutual devotion to the heart and soul of guitar music. Their common vision is in bringing forth the highest level of emotive qualities of the acoustic guitar; their common goal is to delight the audience with landscape and mood of the life experiences that are the foundation of their music.

Rare indeed is the guitarist that brings this passion and effortless mastery to the musical journey. With American Guitar Masters we find two mature artists united in cause and spirit, bringing life to their music as only they uniquely can.

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