



Jerry Kosak - Guitar

Jerry Kosak is guitarist/musician living in Saint Paul, MN. His musical journey began over 35 years ago and continues to flourish, with the release of his third recording of original music for solo guitar, **Yossarian's Dream**. He has incorporated every new stylistic turn presented along the way into his playing and composing. The scope of Jerry's playing and composing covers roots and blues Americana to modern progressive rhythmic drumming, grooving bass lines, and thoughtfully disjointed melodies, all performed by one guitarist on one guitar. His passion of listening, studying, and performing continues to produce **"a great reflection of many different styles"** according to **Kevin Barnes of KBEM Jazz 88**.

Having received a **Bachelor of Music in Guitar Performance** and a **Master of Music in Musicology/Guitar Performance**, Jerry is also right at home teaching guitar or music history at the college/university level. From 2007 through 2010, Jerry served as **Head of the Guitar Department** at McNally Smith College of Music.

Jerry has won awards for his original music (Zeitgeist Composition Award and Jerome Foundation Grant), and has recorded three CDs of original music for solo guitar; **Many Dances, Sounds Like This** and **Yossarian's Dream**. In addition, Jerry collaborated with internationally renown DJ/Producer Freddy Fresh on his album **Play The Music**.

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