

DAVID BECKER

For more than three decades, Grammy and Emmy nominated guitarist, composer, producer **David Becker** has continued to define himself as one of the best and most unique voices in jazz and contemporary music by combining diverse influences and a passion for the new and different, and his ability to play for the present while always keeping an eye on the past and future. He has led the critically acclaimed **DAVID BECKER TRIBUNE** to a worldwide audience by performing in more than 35 countries.

Over the years, the **DBT** has shared the stage with such celebrated jazz acts as **Miles Davis**, **Chick Corea**, **Michael Brecker** and many more. German television journalist **Roger Willemssen** (ZDF) called him "One of the best Jazz Guitarists ever." **Jazz Podium** and **Downbeat** called him "A poet on the Jazz Guitar." **Jazz Thing** and **Gitarre & Bass** called him "a virtuoso". David has released 17 recordings many topping the jazz and contemporary music charts. The **DBT** has performed at some of the most prestigious venues throughout the world including London's **BARBICON CENTRE**, Rotterdam's **DE DOELEN**, New York's **MADISON SQUARE GARDEN** and **BIRDLAND**. **Becker** has also appeared at many international jazz festivals including **The Monterey Jazz Festival**.

David Becker graduated from **Musicians Institute** in 1981 at age 19 and by age 22 he was touring internationally with the **David Becker Tribune**. David signed with **MCA** records in 1986 and the release **LONG PETER MADSEN** debuted. **SIBERIAN EXPRESS** (#1 R&R) followed in 1988 and the **DBT** established themselves in the world of Contemporary Jazz performing in 44 of the 50 US states. Four more **DBT** releases followed, **THIRD TIME AROUND**, **IN MOTION** (Blue Moon), **NEVSKY PROSPEKT** (Pinorrek) and **GERMERICA** (Silverline).

In 2005, **David** released a duo effort with guitar master **Joe Diorio**, **THE COLOR OF SOUND**. The CD was named "One of the best Guitar duo recordings of all time." - **All Music**

LEAVING ARGENTINA from 2007 received high praise by the international press. **Down Beat** gave it "4 Stars" and the **BBC** said, "Brilliant musicianship, a really lovely album, in fact." David's music has been played on radio and television around the globe including **ARD**, **The Weather Channel**, **Voice of America**, **XM/ Sirius Radio**, **NPR** and more. **David Becker** has also performed with guitar greats such as **Attila Zoller**, **Larry Coryell**, **John Abercrombie** and **Kenny Burrell**.

David has been active in music education releasing three instructional books: **GETTING YOUR IMPROVISING INTO SHAPE** (Mel Bay/Acoustic Music), **PLAYING IN SHAPES** (FingerPrint), **RHYTHMIC MOTIFS FOR COMPING AND SOLOING** (FingerPrint) as well as video courses **TRANSITIONS TO JAZZ** (True Fire) and **UNLOCKING THE POWER OF TRIADS** (Guitareo). His books/videos have been top sellers and received great reviews world wide. He has performed master classes and workshops at some of the most prestigious Music Conservatories and Universities around the world. In 2015,

With the release of the highly personal and critically acclaimed recording **BATAVIA** in 2010, **Becker** crossed the border of musician and has become an advocate for the forgotten WWII Dutch POW's in Indonesia. **BATAVIA** was ranked as one of the top 10 World Music recordings of 2010 by World Music Central.org.

Following the critically acclaimed **DBT** release **DISTANCE TRAVELED** (CMJ Jazz top 20), a solo recording **THE LONELY ROAD** (Acoustic Music Records) was released . **THE LONELY ROAD** reached #30 on the iTunes Instrumental top 100 charts and was called, "One of the best solo guitar CD's available today." (Amazon UK)

Becker also produced, arranged and performed on the **Attila Zoller** tribute record, **MESSAGE TO ATTILA** (ENJA) which also features **Ron Carter, Pat Metheny, Mike Stern, John Abercrombie, Jim Hall** and more.

In June of 2018, the **DBT** released a new studio recording single of **KIWI DREAMS** (Acoustic Music Records) written for their 2016 Tour of New Zealand.

David also teamed up with renowned guitarist **Brad Rabuchin (Ray Charles)** to record a tribute album for guitarist **John Abercrombie. FOR JOHN** was released in June 2019 and has been receiving great praise world wide.

The **Heritage DAVID BECKER** Signature model guitar was unveiled in 2015 and the **Homestead DB** signature model guitar in 2020.