

Tom Billotto Bio

The Sound... More than 35 years of musical evolution incorporating an eclectic blend of influences have produced the precise and warm guitar and vocal style of Tom Billotto. "Charlotte's Best" magazine voted him "Best Local Acoustic" musician... "Tom Billotto plays brilliant guitar and his mellow voice caresses many a song with sweet notes."

Tom's sound is often described as "classy"... "tasteful", and certainly his extensive musical training and influences contribute to these descriptions. At the heart of this sound is Tom's Classical Guitar - or "finger-style" - technique which uses the right hand fingers to individually pluck the strings, supplying complex melody, rhythm and bass lines simultaneously. Tom's sound took flight during formal music studies in college, culminating in a Music Performance Degree in Classical Guitar and Voice. Further influenced by the genius of Chet Atkins and countless jazz and classical virtuosos, and with vocal idols such as James Taylor, Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald, no wonder Charlotte's Plaza Midwood Association's newsletter refers to Tom as "...the finest professional acoustic guitar player in town..."

Based in Charlotte, North Carolina since 1988, Tom Billotto passionately pursues a full-time music career, averaging more than 200 performances per year in: restaurants; concerts; festivals; country clubs; private, corporate and fundraising events; wine dinners/tastings; weddings; radio and TV. Tom has performed with Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis, Hugh Taylor (James' brother) and regularly works with some of Charlotte's top musicians, including: percussionists Jim Brock and Donnie Marshall, bassist Ron Brendle, and guitarist/ukuleleist Jimmy Bookout.

Repertoire ... Classical, Spanish/Latin American, Jazz standards, classic pop, Chet Atkins James Taylor, Beatles, Sinatra, TV/movie themes, well-crafted originals ... A Tom Billotto performance can feature vocal and instrumental or exclusively instrumental works...in either case, always classy and classic, showcasing a versatile collection of works by some of the greatest composers. In addition, Tom is very proud of his many original arrangements of popular songs and jazz standards.

Hire Tom Billotto for your next event by calling us at (704)568-1968 or click "Book This Artist" to check pricing and availability.

SONG LIST:

Instrumental Selections (guitar only – no vocal)

Popular...

James Taylor: Carolina In My Mind; Something In The Way She Moves

Carol King/James Taylor: You've Got A Friend

The Beatles: And I Love Her; Here, There And Everywhere; In My Life; All You Need

Is Love; Here Comes The Sun; Something; I Will; Mother Nature's Son

Paul McCartney: Maybe I'm Amazed

Christopher Cross: Sailing

Stevie Wonder: You Are The Sunshine Of My Life; Isn't She Lovely

Bee Gees: How Deep Is Your Love

Norah Jones: Come Away With Me

Adele: Make You Feel My Love

Michael Buble: Home

Orleans/Chet Atkins: Sails

Queen: You're My Best Friend

Elvis Presley: Love Me Tender; Can't Help Falling In Love; You Were Always On My Mind

Snow Patrol: Chasing Cars

Bob Dylan: Buckets Of Rain

Keith Urban: Making Memories of Us

Paul Stookey: The Wedding Song

Train: Marry Me

Rascal Flatts: Bless The Broken Road

Hall And Oates: You Make My Dreams Come True

Jazz Standards...

George & Ira Gershwin: Someone To Watch Over Me; Embraceable You

Ella Fitzgerald: Stairway To The Stars

Irving Berlin: Always

Disney: When You Wish Upon A Star; Someday My Prince Will Come

Isham Jones/Gus Kahn: It Had To Be You

Edith Piaf: Le Vie En Rose

Rodgers & Hart: Blue Moon

Vernon Duke/John Latouche: Taking A Chance On Love

Benny Goodman: Moonglow

Jimmy Van Heusen/Johnny Burke: Polka Dots And Moonbeams

Erroll Garner: Misty

Hall And Oates: You Make My Dreams Come True

Louis Armstrong: What A Wonderful World

Harold Arlen: Over The Rainbow

Classical/Traditional...

Richard Wagner: Bridal Chorus

Johanne Pachelbel: Canon In D

Felix Mendelssohn: The Wedding March

Johanne Sebastian Bach: Jesu Joy Of Man's Desiring; Air For The G String; Prelude

No. 1 from Well-Tempered Clavier (a.k.a. "Ave Maria") * *note: different than below*

Franz Schubert: Ave Maria * *note: different than above*

Ludwig von Beethoven: Fur Elise

Jeremiah Clarke: Trumpet Voluntary

George Frideric Handel: Hornpipe

Fernando Sor: Variations On A Theme From Mozart's "The Magic Flute"; Estudio No. 2

Matteo Carcassi: Etude No. 3

Vocal Selections

Popular...

James Taylor: Carolina In My Mind; You've Got A Friend; Something In The Way She

Moves; The Secret O' Life; You Can Close Your Eyes; Shower The People

Beatles: I Will; Here There And Everywhere

John Lennon: Grow Old With Me

Crosby, Stills & Nash: Our House

Eagles: Love Will Keep Us Alive

Elvis Presley: Love Me Tender; Can't Help Falling In Love; You Were Always On My Mind

Paul Stookey: The Wedding Song

Stevie Wonder: You Are The Sunshine Of My Life; For Once In My Life

Keith Urban: Making Memories of Us

Anne Murray: Could I Have This Dance

Train: Marry Me

Rascal Flatts: Bless The Broken Road

Bob Welch/Fleetwood Mac: Sentimental Lady

Hall And Oates: You Make My Dreams Come True

Jazz Standards...

Cole Porter: Night And Day; From This Moment On

Frank Loesser: Say It (Over And Over Again)

Irving Berlin: Always; Cheek To Cheek

Frank Sinatra: Fly Me To The Moon; My Blue Heaven; East Of The Sun (And West Of The Moon)

George & Ira Gershwin: Love Is Here To Stay; They Can't Take That Away From Me

Jimmy McHugh/Dorothy Fields: I'm In The Mood For Love

Isham Jones/Gus Kahn: It Had To Be You

Richard Rodgers/Lorenz Hart: I Could Write A Book; My Romance; Blue Moon

Nat King Cole: That's All; It's Only A Paper Moon; Just You, Just me

Hoagy Carmichael/Ned Washington: The Nearness Of You

Jerome Kern/Dorothy Fields: The Way You Look Tonight

Johnny Mercer/Richard Whiting: Too Marvelous For Words

Benny Goodman: Moonglow

Harry Warren/Mack Gordon: There Will Never Be Another You

Duke Ellington: I'm beginning To See The Light

Vincent Youmans: More Than You Know

Guy Wood /Robert Mellin: My One And Only Love

Ray Noble: The Very Thought Of You

Jimmy McHugh/Dorothy Fields: Exactly Like You

Disney's *Lady And The Tramp*: Bella Notte