

Jan Depreter - Biography

Born in 1975 (Belgium), Jan Depreter is considered one of the most remarkable guitar players of our time. Discovering music at the age of 5, Santa Claus introduced him to his first guitar 3 years later, resulting in a lifelong passion for the instrument and its music.

Jan Depreter graduated for guitar at the Leuven Lemmens Institute and the Royal Conservatories of Antwerp and The Hague, where he studied with Zoran Dukic. He perfected his art with David Russell and Manuel Barrueco, among others.

Jan Depreter has won the following International Guitar Competitions:

- * 2006 International Concerto Competition Printemps de la Guitare (BE)
- * 2005, International Guitar Competition of Antony – Paris (FR)
- * 2002, International Guitar Competition of Mottola (IT)
- * 2001, International Guitar Competition of Zwolle (NL)
- * 2001, International Guitar Competition of Alhambra (NL)

Other top Prizes include Francisco Tarrega (Benicasim, SP), Andres Segovia (Granada, SP), Vienna (AUS), Alessandria (IT) and Tokyo (JAP).

Jan Depreter has been a featured soloist all over the world, playing and teaching at prestigious music festivals in the U.S.A., the U.K., China, Japan, Mexico, Australia, Austria, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Holland, Ukraine, Poland, Portugal and Belgium, where he founded the Antwerpen Gitaarfestival & Competition in 2010.

He has played most major guitar concertos with international orchestras like the Royal Philharmonic of Flanders, La Chapelle de Lorraine, the Royal Chambre Orchestra of Wallonia, the Orchesta del Ciutat de Torrent, the Municipal Orchestra of Benicasim, the Flanders Radio Orchestra, Brussels Philharmonic, and the National Philharmonic of Ukraine.

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