

## DAVID RUSSELL

### Biography

“There’s a luxuriance in the quality of Russell’s sound that I find very appealing.”

— Stephen Pettitt *BBC Music Magazine*

GRAMMY award winner in 2005 for his CD *Aire Latino*, in the category of best instrumental soloist in classical music.

Classical guitarist David Russell is world renowned for his superb musicianship and inspired artistry, having earned the highest praise from audiences and critics alike. In recognition of his great talent and his international career, he was named a Fellow of The Royal Academy of Music in London in 1997.

In May 2003 he was bestowed the great honor of being made "adopted son" of Es Migjorn, the town in Minorca where he grew up. Recently the town named a street after him, "Avinguda David Russell", in recognition for his musical career.

In November 2003 he was given the Medal of Honor of the Conservatory of the Balearics.

After winning the GRAMMY award, the town of Nigrán in Spain where he resides, gave him the silver medal of the town in an emotional ceremony.

During his studies at the Royal Academy, Mr. Russell won twice the Julian Bream Guitar Prize. Later he won numerous international competitions, including the Andrés Segovia Competition, the José Ramírez Competition and Spain's prestigious Francisco Tárrega Competition .

David Russell spends his time touring the world, appearing regularly at prestigious halls in main cities, such as New York, London, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Madrid, Toronto or Rome. Concert-goers everywhere are in awe of Mr. Russell's musical genius and inspired by his captivating stage presence. His love of his craft resonates through his flawless and seemingly effortless performance. The attention to detail and provocative lyrical phrasing suggest an innate understanding of what each individual composer was working to achieve, bringing to each piece a sense of adventure.

In May 2005 he received homage from the music conservatory of Vigo, culminating with the opening of the new Auditorium, to which they gave the name "Auditorio David Russell".

Since 1995 David Russell has an exclusive recording contract with Telarc International,

with whom he has recorded twelve CDs. *For David*, Russell's newest recording set for release on March 24, 2009, contains some of the finest contemporary works written for, and dedicated to, this brilliant instrumentalist. Composers featured in *For David* represent a range of cultures and styles. Sergio Assad (Brazil), Francis Kleynjans (France), Benjamin Verdery (United States), Steve Goss (UK) and Philip Rosheger (United States) each contribute compositions that showcase Russell's stunning virtuosity.

The New York Times wrote about his performance: "... Mr. Russell made his mastery evident without ever deviating from an approach that places musical values above mere display. It was apparent to the audience throughout the recital that Mr. Russell possesses a talent of extraordinary dimension".

Upon hearing play in London, Andrés Segovia wrote: "My congratulations on your musicality and guitaristic technique".

### **Telarc Discography:**

Cathedral: The Music of Barrios (1995) CD-80373  
Music of Frederico Moreno Torroba (1996) CD-80451  
Message of the Sea (1998) CD-80492  
Rodrigo: Concierto e Aranjuez, Gentlehambre & Para una Fiesta (1998) CD-80459  
Music of Giuliani (1999) CD-80525  
Plays Baroque Music (2001) CD-80559  
Reflections of Spain (2002) CD-80576  
Plays Bach (2003) CD-80584  
Aire Latino (2004) CD-80612 GRAMMY AWARD  
Spanish Legends (2005) CD-80633  
Renaissance Favorites for Guitar (2006) CD-80659  
Art of the Guitar (2007) CD-80672  
Air on a G String (2008) CD-80693  
For David (2009) CD-80707

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