

Acoustic Guitarist
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Acoustic Guitarist **Doug Smith** is a **Grammy Award Winner** and winner of the prestigious **Winfield International Fingerstyle Guitar Competition**, whose praises are even sung by film critic Leonard Maltin.

His guitar work has been heard on the big screen in the popular film *August Rush* and his original compositions are heard everywhere from *NPR* to *TCM* to *Good Morning America*. His playing combines folk, classical and jazz elements and has been called "a cross between Chet Atkins, Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges."

Popular original songs, clever arrangements such as his medley of Ave Maria/Can't Help Falling in Love, dazzling pieces like the tour-de-force Stars and Stripes Forever, and his dynamic stage presence have dazzled audiences around the USA and the world, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and China.

Doug picked up a Grammy Award in 2005, along with 11 other guitarists, for his contribution to the Henry Mancini tribute CD *Pink Guitar*, which won in the category of Best Pop Instrumental CD.

He is a popular instructor at guitar and music workshops across the country, including the California Coast Music Camp and the Crown Guitar Festival and Workshop in Montana, where he has taught alongside Pat Metheny and Dweezil Zappa.

In 2019 Doug was a member of the onstage ensemble of the Broadway production of *August Rush - The Musical* that had its world premiere in Chicago.

In his review of the Sherman Brothers tribute CD *Poppin' Guitar*, film critic Leonard Maltin wrote "Every track is a treat, although I must single out Doug Smith's exceptional performance of 'Feed the Birds (Tuppence a Bag)'. "

Billboard Magazine writes, "Inviting melodies . . . stunning fingerpicking" and **ChristmasReviews.com** raves "Outrageously good!"

Doug teaches in Portland Oregon (both online and in person) and lives in Vancouver, Washington. For more info and videos visit:

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