

VICKI GENFAN

Sometimes the revolution begins quietly and only later does the full impact sink in. That's how it was when Vicki Genfan won the title of Guitar Superstar in the 2008 competition sponsored by Guitar Player Magazine. Jim Fusilli (Wall Street Journal) said,

"It's a stunning victory, a barrier shattered. Guitar Player is a male-dominated domain -- the only photo of a woman musician at work in the current issue is a microscopic shot of bassist Rachel Haden with her back to the camera. The magazine is often a tribute to speed, power, volume and gear. Ms. Genfan plays an acoustic guitar without effects."

Using 29 alternate tunings and the percussive technique she calls 'slap-tap', Vicki creates waves of sound with two hands and her voice. Drawing from folk, jazz, pop, soul and world music, whether covering the tunes of others or presenting her own compositions, Vicki has a distinctive style that is pushing the boundaries of the singer/songwriter genre.

Vicki has joined the world's greatest guitarists and musicians at festivals such as The International Montreal Jazz Festival, Germany's Open Strings Guitar Festival and Italy's Soave Guitar Festival. In 2005, she was a featured artist on "La Guitara", the first compilation CD featuring female guitarists from around the globe, released by Vanguard Records. In the US, sample venues include Swannanoa Gathering, Mayfair Festival of the Arts, Don Quixote's and other listening rooms, including house concerts. She is in demand for guitar workshops, master classes, clinics and dealer demos.

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Guitars Gone Wild Tour: Having met making La Guitara, Vicki and Jennifer Batten did a whirlwind East Coast tour in May 2009. Jennifer was Michael Jackson's guitarist for 10 years and 3 world tours and was with Jeff Beck for 3 years.

Vicki Genfan Guitar! Luna unveiled the Vicki Genfan model created by master luthier Gray Burchette with all the bells and whistles that Vicki's particular type of playing requires, including a Jumbo body which lends itself to the full tones she needs for her percussive style. Vicki's connection with Luna led to her 12 seconds of fame on The Price Is Right demonstrating a guitar.

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Coming Soon! Vicki spent July in the Truefire Studios creating her first instructional video, "3-D Acoustic Guitar" which will be available later this year.

"I forgive myself for forgetting what a great singer she is; it's no wonder...her voice moves inside me as only something that comes from inside can. ~ Frank Goodman, Pure Music

"I understand completely why the audience applauds and whistles so wildly...this is fiery, living music."
~ IndieMusic.com

"After witnessing her mind-blowing performance of an original composition..., guitar-dom's elite dubbed Vicki Genfan 2008 Guitar Superstar. Contained within the 3:57 acoustic tour-de-force was a combination of playing techniques...not just chords and melodies, but also bell-like harmonics and percussive rhythms."
~ Chris Buono, Guitar Player Magazine

Discography

Outside the Box: Self-Released (2001)

Vicki Genfan - Live: Acoustic Music Records (2003)

La Guitara: Vanguard Records (2005)

Up Close & Personal: Harmonic Touch Records (2006)

UnCovered: Acoustic Music Records (2008)

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