

Diego Figueiredo



Diego Figueiredo (pronounced fig-a-ray-doe) is a new star of the guitar world. He is only 35, and he has released 23 CDs, 3 DVDs, and he has played in more than 60 countries around the world. He is the winner of several important competitions including The Montreux Jazz Competition, and the VISA Prize. Diego is now presenting his new concert “ From Classical to Jazz”. It is a fusion between Jazz, Bossa Nova and Classical music. Diego has a unique interpretation, with tremendous techniques, enormous emotion, and his shows have been a great success to all audiences.

Diego Figueiredo was born in Franca, Brazil, in 1980, and at the age of 4, he used to strike poses carrying his small guitar. At six, he got a mandolin, which was kept in a very special place in his house. Diego played many instruments before choosing the electric guitar when he was twelve, playing in theaters and local pubs, revealing the great art of improvising and harmonizing. At 15, he conquered theaters and nightclubs in many different Brazilian states, playing solo or with renowned musicians.

Besides being a guitar player, Diego is a producer, arranger, orchestrator, and multi-instrumentalist.

Brazil continuously fosters new stars that impress and amaze their audiences with their joy and exceptional technique. Diego Figueiredo makes new fans every time he enters the stage, and very few others play the guitar as expressively as he does.

Having received awards twice at the Montreux Jazz Festival as one of the greatest guitarists in the world, Diego Figueiredo performs one amazing concert after another.

Diego has recorded and performed with big names like Gilberto Gil, João Bosco, Roberto Menescal, Toquinho, Belchior, Fafá de Belém, Angela Maria, Toninho Horta, Larry Coryell, Ken Peplowski, Lewis Nash, John Clayton, Cyrille Aimée and many others.

With a variety of work already released, Diego is doing shows on the most important stages around the world enchanting and charming the public wherever he goes with his unique touch.

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### **Quotes**

“One of the greatest guitarists I’ve seen in my whole life”

- George Benson

“Diego is a unique musician”

- Al Di Meola

Up next was a true virtuoso, jazz guitarist Diego Figueiredo. Yes, we were all mesmerized by his amazing head of hair. But it was his incredibly fluid and natural performance style, his sense of true enjoyment

as he dazzled us and his good-natured entertaining approach that truly grabbed us. Wow. I don’t even know what else to say. Seemingly effortless and thoroughly fabulous.

- Laura B. Whitmore / Guitar World Magazine

Thank you for all your help with the Diego Figueiredo engagement here at Lehigh. It was positively wonderful. He is really a lovely and generous person as well as being a remarkable artist. Please pass my appreciation on to him for his great performance.

- Deborah Sacarakis / Director of Programming / Zoellner Arts Center / Lehigh University