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In this week's episode we talk about the electric guitar and why it's a helpful and fun thing to explore - even in the earliest stages of learning guitar. We also talk about what specific gear you need and how to approach it all.

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Gear Talk - Studio Unpacking

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In this episode we talk about gear as I unpack after a round of studio sessions at the legendary Sunset Sound studios in Hollywood. We'll talk about my high-strung acoustic, my brand new 12-string electric, my one-of-a-kind slide guitar that my friend made for me and my regular work horse guitars that you know from the lessons... And last but not least my accordions!

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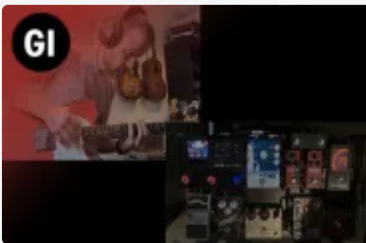
Pedalboard Rundown

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Here's this week's episode of Guitar Insider, where I go through my pedal board and show each of the effects and how I have it all set up. It's always fun talking about gear and tone, but we all have to make an effort to resist the dreaded Gear Acquisition Syndrome where we end up buying gear instead of working on our playing. That being said, pedals are a lot of fun.

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Rubber Bridge Creativity

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Here's this week's episode of Guitar Insider, where I show my new rubber bridge acoustic/electric made by a famous little store called Old Style Guitars in L.A. I also show how you can imitate this sound with something you most likely already have in your home and this leads to a general encouragement to fearlessly explore all the weird and seemingly 'wrong' way to do things. No matter what level you're at this...

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Using A Looper Pedal

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In this week's episode of Guitar Insider, I'm responding to a question from John who wants to know how to create harmonized lead lines in the style of The Allman Brothers and others. This made me realize I should do a video on using a looper pedal, which is a really powerful and quite affordable tool to add to your practice rig. I'm going to show you my favorite ways to use a looper - for targeted practicing as...

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Tremolo Systems

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In this week's episode of Guitar Insider, I respond to a question from Fuzzbox about how to use a particular tremolo system called Floyd Rose. This leads me to the broader topic of tremolo systems, vibrato arms, whammy bars -- whatever you choose to call them. I mainly use the type called a Bigsby, and this week I show my favorite ways to use it -- which can of course be applied to any tremolo system.

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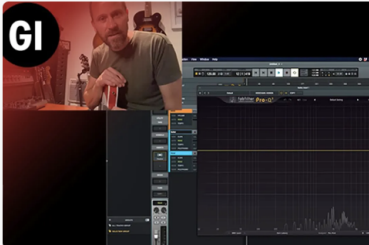


Dialing A Good Tone On Any Amp



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This week I'm responding to a multitude of questions about dialing a good tone on a variety of different amps, which ultimately comes down to understanding three factors: EQ, gain and reverb. First I'll use my recording software to show a visual representation of the concept of EQ, and we explore how that relates to the feeling of playing your instrument. After that we talk about gain...

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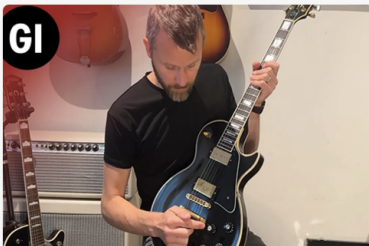


The Secrets Of The Knobs On Your Guitar



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This week on Guitar Insider I share some tips I wish someone would've shown me many years ago. I was originally told to leave the knobs on my guitar all the way up and forget about them. That is in fact what I do most of the time, but there are so many practical and inspiring, creative ways to use the tone and volume knobs on your electric guitar that you should be aware of -- on any stage of you...

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The Story Of My Acoustic Guitar And My Mobile Recordin...



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This week I finally respond to years of questions about my VKV guitar that I use in almost all the acoustic lessons on Guitar Tricks. This is a really interesting story that includes a beautiful old Martin D-28, a talented guitar builder in a small Eastern European town and a 20-year-old Anders on a road trip to get his dream guitar. I also show my mobile recording setup that I bring with me, when I travel...

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My Desert Island Effect



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This week on Guitar Insider we dive into the one effect I could never live without, which is reverb. Back in the day there was only one reverb knob on an amp, where you could either get more or less. Now with the rise of modeling amps, pedals and plugins there are a million parameters to tweak and many different types of reverb, which can easily be overwhelming. So, I'll go through three of t...

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Gift Ideas For Yourself And Your Guitar



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This time of year we can all be tempted to wish for an expensive new guitar or a fancy amp, but there isn't always a lot of headroom in the holiday budget. So this week on Guitar Insider, I offer a list of ideas for very inexpensive items that you can buy to boost your guitar playing and creativity. These range from 0-40 bucks and can make a big difference for your inspiration.

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Instant Troubadour



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This week on Guitar Insider we're exploring a topic that no one asked for, but that I genuinely believe is the single largest amount of musical joy and freedom I can offer -- for the least amount of effort and expense. This is the extremely accessible instrument called the harmonica and the harness we use to play it while we play guitar. Once you know the secret it's so easy and endlessly fun!

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Capo Magic Tricks



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This week on Guitar Insider we explore how to use one of my favorite tools for guitar which is the **capo**. There are so many useful and creative ways to use this very affordable tool, and I never go anywhere without one.

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Intro to BASS Guitar



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This week on Insider I offer an introduction to a super cool instrument that's almost instantly accessible to guitarists because it's tuned the same as the low 4 strings of the guitar. This is the musically omni-present **bass guitar**. Because it's tuned the same you can play along with the examples in this lesson on your regular instrument and then decide later if you want to try out a real electric bas...

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Guide to Buying Acoustic Guitars



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This week I'm coming to you from Denmark, where I have another great collection of guitars, and I showcase one of my favorites - an old Epiphone Texan from '63. This leads to a comprehensive guide for buying acoustic guitars whether you're looking to buy your very first steel string acoustic or looking for the nice vintage guitar that you can play for the rest of your life. This will cover everything from t...

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Traveling With Guitars



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This week on Guitar Insider we talk about travel guitars and traveling with regular sized guitars, which is something I get asked about a lot. First I'll demonstrate my favorite travel guitar and then for the times where you want to bring a full sized guitar with you, we'll talk about how to keep your precious instruments as safe as possible while traveling by car, train and plane!

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Resonator Slide in Open G



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This week on Insider I respond to a request from Julia for some Delta Blues style slide guitar on a resonator. This pairs well with the many requests I've gotten for more exploration of open tunings. Today we're in an open G tuning, and as always it's important to remember that the open tunings are a SHORTCUT to very specific sounds and you don't need to worry about transferring any of your...

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Changing Strings



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This week on Insider, I answer a question from TJ who asked about how to know when it's time to change the strings on your guitar. I thought that'd be a great topic for this video because I've been shocked by how many students tell me that they actually take their guitar to the guitar store to get new strings! I always tell them that's like taking your car to the mechanic because it's out of gas...

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Nylon Strings



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This week on Insider I answer a question from Lei about transitioning from classical guitar to electric, and I use that as a springboard to showcase my cheap, but heavily battle-tested nylon string guitar. We'll talk about how the classical guitar is different from a steel-string acoustic and I'll show some very accessible examples of the playing styles that this type of guitar is great for.

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Understanding VOLUME!



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This week on Insider I answer a question from Eev, who's asking tips on being heard properly when playing in church - without overpowering the other musician. This leads to an interesting exploration of the surprisingly complex topic of volume. We'll discuss how things like amp wattage, speaker cabinet size, EQ settings factor in - and even how carefully determining what your role is in any...

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Let's Talk Gear



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This week on insider I respond to a few different gear related questions - what is my number one guitar(s) and why? Which tube amp should you buy if you don't gig, and you don't want a solid state amp? And finally what do you do with that one string that just won't get in tune?

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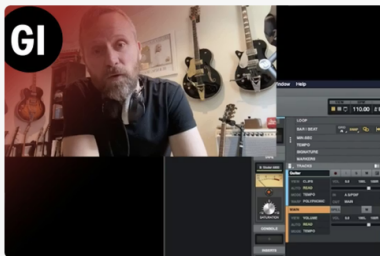


EQ and Tone Talk



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This week on Insider I answer a question from Ben (our CEO) about the many different terms we use when we talk about EQ - muddy, shimmer, chunky, presence, etc. This all comes down to the topic of EQ, which is a crucial thing to understand when you're dealing with guitar tone. So in this episode we'll build up a solid understanding of this all-important concept and also explore how all of it...

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EQ Amp Talk



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This week on Insider we continue our deep dive into the all-important topic of EQ. We'll take our knowledge of the basics of EQ from last week and apply that understanding to the knobs on my Ampeg tube amp. After going through the functions, we'll use it all to dial in the different tone terms from Ben's original question - "Muddy", "Shimmer", "Chunky" etc.

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Banjo Guitar



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This week on Insider I share some insights about playing banjo live on American Idol last night. I also demonstrate the instrument I used, which is a six-string banjo or "Banjitar". This is simply an acoustic guitar with a banjo body, and you can play it like a regular guitar or more like a banjo. To demonstrate the banjo-style playing I breakdown a simple but powerful riff. This riff can be played on a...

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Permission To Get Weird



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This week on Insider I share one of the most important bits of advice I wish I had gotten early on. The advice is simply to not wait for anyone's permission before you start following your ear and your intuition. When you find something that sounds good to you - even if you just find it intriguing - go fearlessly in that direction. The more rules you break in that process the better! It's great to be...

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12-String Guitars



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This week on Insider I respond to a request from Alex for some info on how 12 string guitars work. Alex had noticed my electric 12-string guitar hanging behind me in one of the Insider videos, and while that particular guitar is in the shop at the moment, I did just buy an awesome old Yamaha 12-string acoustic with a magnetic pickup. I explain how the strings are laid out on a 12-string guitar, ho...

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5-String Telecaster



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This week on Insider I demonstrate what I think is one of the coolest (and amazingly accessible) sounds you can make on an electric guitar. We've talked a lot about the importance of getting weird and looking for rules to break, and the 5 string Telecaster is a shining example of this. You can leave the low E-string on there, but for the full experience we remove the low E-string and tune the...

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A Guitar By Any Other Name



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This week on Insider I respond to a question from George, who has seen someone play a mandolin and wants to know about the instrument. So we'll take a good look at my old mandolin - how it's played, tuned and modified - but my bigger aim is to convince you to come at all these alternative fretted instruments like banjos, ukuleles, bouzoukis, etc. with the mindset that they're all just guitar...

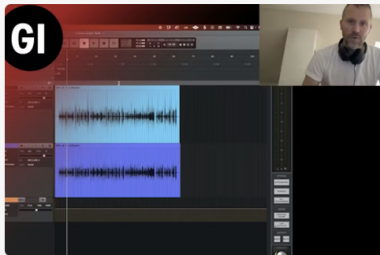
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Virtual Tube Amps



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This week on Insider I respond to the many questions I've received about dialing a good tone on various different pieces of equipment, amps, pedals, modelers, etc. We'll explore this by dialing in some of my best virtual guitar amps - all within my recording software. This software is modeling real tube amps, so all the knowledge will transfer directly to real tube amps as well as other types of...

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Ukulele



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This week on Insider I show how easy and affordable it can be to explore the sunshiney sound of the Ukulele. With just a little bit of knowledge you can more or less directly transfer your guitar skills onto the Ukulele by pretending it's the top 4 strings of the regular guitar. You also don't have to spend a lot of money to get a decent Ukulele. They're extremely affordable, and it can be nice to have as a...

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The Gear That Made A Difference



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This week on Insider we talk about gear! Acquiring instruments and equipment in order to find your sound can be an exciting part of learning to play. It also has the potential to be a giant rabbit hole and a total waste of money and energy. Because at the end of the day the most powerful way to sound better is to get better - but as we all know it is all too easy to get caught up in the notorious "G..."

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Baritone In An Empty Room



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This week on insider I come to you from an entirely empty studio. A studio that has been my one-man music spaceship for the past 15 years of my life. This room was a Swiss Army knife of guitar sounds and I could do anything I ever needed to in there. Now it's empty and I'm playing a small ZT amp I could dig out of storage and a really cool Jerry Jones baritone guitar that just showed up in t...

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Broken Acoustics and Unplugged Electrics



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This week on Insider I share what happened to my most precious acoustic guitar when I broke my own rule and took it flying. Ironically, what happened was not the airline's fault, but spoiler alert: it wasn't good. After this horror story, I share some tips on practicing on an electric guitar that isn't plugged into an amp. This can be a supercharged way of practicing if you approach it right and make sure to steer clear of certain pitfalls that we'll discuss.

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