

Don Alder –Bio

Don Alder plays with a passion rarely seen and is one of those acoustic guitar magicians with a signature style that leaves you wondering “How is he making that wall of sound? Ray Danials, Mgr of Rush says “Alder is one of those guitarists that should be famous around the world”. Guitar Player Magazine Senior Editor, Michael Molenda says “Alder is a Guitar Star in the making and can hold an audience with the best of the seasoned pros”. Alder is currently the only guitarist on the planet to have won all the top modern guitar competitions and his long list of accolades puts him alongside the top players in the acoustic genre. Lee Ritenour 18 time grammy winning guitarist says ” Alder is one of the most original guitarists I’ve ever seen“

Alder has been featured in numerous guitar magazines, has millions of YouTube views, performed duets with Grammy Winners Angelique Kidjo and John Parr, and has been in shows and festivals that included artists such as Steve Vai, Lee Ritenour, David Foster, Victor Wooten, Sarah Mclaughlin, Andy Mckee, Tommy Emmanuel and Billy Sheehan (Mr.Big). It was at one of these shows that Lee Ritenour hand-picked Alder to be on the advisory judge panel for the highly touted International Six String Theory Contest. His music also speaks for itself as his previous two CDs each received nominations for "Instrumental Artist of the Year", at the Western Canadian Music Awards and the Canadian Folk Awards. His music combines deeply textured melody and rhythm, soulful singing with haunting lyrics, and his guitar fireworks and fabulous storytelling make his shows highly entertaining and talked about for days. And, Don’s heart is as big as his talent. In 1985 he put his music career on hold for 2.5 years to help his lifelong friend go around the world in a wheelchair, an amazing journey with a story that has become part of Canadian History. In 2006, Director Michael French produced a feature film about the story, www.heartofadragonmovie.com which includes Don as one of the main characters portrayed by actor Andrew Lee Potts. Alder continues to perform around the world entertaining audiences and inspiring people and guitarists wherever he goes.

Performances /Accolades

2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lieutenant Governors Award

2021 “Star Meritus” Inductee, B.C. Entertainment Hall of Fame
2017 “Artist of the Year” Vancouver Island Music Awards
2016 Canadian Folk Music Awards “Instrumental Artist of the Year” Nominee
2016 Western Canadian Music Awards “Instrumental Artist of the Year” Nominee
2015 Domenic Troiano Award (multi-genre category)
2013 International Brand Laureate Award Recipient (Malaysia)
2009 Canadian Folk Music Awards “Instrumental Artist of the Year” Nominee
2009 Western Canadian Music Awards “Instrumental Artist of the Year” Nominee
2011 Worldwide Guitar Idol, UK Winner
2010 Guitar Superstar Champion, North America
2007 International Fingerstyle Champion (Winfield, USA)
2007 Canadian Guitar Festival Champion 2nd
2006 International Fingerstyle Champion (Winfield, USA)
2004, 2005,2006 Winfield Song Showcase Best Instrumental
Vancouver Folk Slam 1st
Semi-Finalist Canada’s Got Talent

Duet with Space Station Commander Chris Hadfield, Duet with Shayne Koyczan at PNE Coliseum,
Duet with Angelique Kidjo at Rogers Arena, Performed at the Vancouver Olympics (Olympic Village), NAMM All Star Guitar Nights (Nashville Rymon Theatre and Anaheim California), NAMM Breakfast of Champions, TEDx Vancouver performance, Sam Sullivan’s Public Salon (speaker/performance).

Performed at festivals around the world, and has toured in the USA, Europe, and Asia. 2016 “Armed & Dangerous” received two nominations in Canada for Instrumental CD of the Year at WCMA and Canadian Folk Awards. 2009 “Not A Planet” receives two nominations in Canada for Instrumental CD of the Year at WCMA and Canadian Folk Awards Columnist for IGuitar Magazine (five issues)

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Signature Model Guitars - Greenfield Signature Guitar G4-DA Fan fret acoustic guitar Riversong Signature Fan Fret Baritone acoustic guitar.

Featured Ad placements in magazines including Yamaha, Seymour Duncan, Santo Angelo Cables, Ernie Ball Strings, Riversong Guitars Full Features in Guitar Player Magazine , IGuitar Magazine, Acoustic Guitar, Acoustic Guitar UK, Akustik-Gitarre Germany, Acoustic Guitar Japan, Axe Magazine Italy, Fingerstyle Magazine, Vintage Guitar Magazine, Musikkompass, FRETS magazine, Acusitca Chittara, Vancouver Magazine, Yamaha All Access, SNAP JR, Vancouver Courier

Top Tier Endorsements: Yamaha International Artist, Timberline Harp Guitars Intl Artist, Seymour Duncan, Santo Angelo Cables, Hughes & Kettner Amps, Ernie Ball Strings, Riversong Guitars, Guitarhands, Journey Guitars, Emerald Guitars "Amicus", Kanile Ukulele

MAGAZINE FEATURES

<https://donalder.com/press.htm>

QUOTES

"Alder is one of the most original guitarists I've seen" Lee Ritenour, 18 time Grammy Winning Guitarist

"Even though Don stepped onto the Guitar Superstar stage as a solo acoustic performer, he played with ferocity and charisma, and owned the audience and that's what a guitar star does. You have to deliver something so thrilling that people can't help but stand up and cheer. Don nailed it." Michael Molenda, Editor in Chief, GUITAR PLAYER magazine

"Alder is one of those guitarists that should be famous around the world" Ray Daniels - Manager for "Rush"

"Don Alder you just took everybody to school, your performance was transcendental" George Lynch - Dokken

"Alder! Not only did you just play some amazing guitar but you entertained us, simply amazing,"

Elliot Easton - The Cars "The World needs to see you !" Gary Hoey

"I watched the most amazing guitarist last night, still shocked by Don Alder's talent this AM." - Carly Rae Jepsen (Call Me Maybe, Pop Superstar)

"Guitar Hero" Penticton Herald

"Almost Unknown at home, Vancouver's Don Alder might be one of the best acoustic guitarists in the world" - Vancouver Courier

Don Alder, is truly a wonderful player, with really great tunes, amazing technique, and very musical Andy Timmons, Guitarist/Arranger "Olivia Newton-John"

"Alder can make a single instrument sound like a 4 piece band. The Guy's like the acoustic Hendrix". Picque News Magazine

"Don is Canada's secret fingerstyle weapon...it's only a matter of time until everyone discovers this world-class player. World Class Luthier, Michael Greenfield

"Don is an amazing guitarist, a one-man mosh-pit. If you're within 100 miles of a performance, go see this guy". Master Luthier, Matt Mustapick

"Congratulations. What a great achievement Don, you are at the top of your game and deserve every success!" Nick Campling, G7th capo inventor.

CURRENT ARTIST ENDORSEMENTS

Yamaha Acoustic Guitars

https://usa.yamaha.com/artists/d/don_alder.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p23sjdKEBg>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VdnM4Y_uJ1k

Ernie Ball Strings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NF-17U2owhk>

<https://www.ernieball.com/artists>

Seymour Duncan Pickups

<https://www.seymourduncan.com/artist/don-alder>

Hughes and Kettner

<http://hughes-and-kettner.com/artist/don-alder/>

Timberline Harp Guitars

<https://harpguitarmusic.com/listings/hg-timberline.htm>

Kanilea Ukulele

https://www.kanileaukulele.com/featured_item/don-alder/

Virtual Jeff

<https://www.fomofx.com/50shadesofjeff>

NUX

<https://nuxthailand.com/artists-don-alder/>

Laney Amps

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2KF34g_EvQ

Riversong Guitars - Signature Don Alder Baritone Fanfret Acoustic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8BzNZdxo2s>

Leviora Carbon Fibre Guitars

<http://leviora-guitars.de/en/don-alder-on-tour-with-leviora-3/>

Journey Travel Guitars

<http://www.journeyinstruments.com/don-alder/>

<https://youtu.be/OTHZGRKGXFw>

Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Alder

Rick Hansen Man In Motion World Tour

<https://www.rickhansen.com/about-rick/man-motion-world-tour/tour-team>