



BRUCE MAK

Jazz With Heart



Bruce Mak has been a fixture in the Chicago jazz scene for nearly 30 years, performing at music festivals, schools, restaurants, bars, on river boat cruises and for private events. His extensive experience and versatility shine through in his ability to play music inspired by experimental classical composers, as well as jazz greats like Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk.

Add something special to your next event with music by Bruce Mak and The Merry Mak Men, his long-term collaborative music partners. The Bruce Mak Trio consists of drummer Bonbonfera Tim Keenan, bassist Wesley Morgan and Mak on guitar. The Bruce Mak Trio + 1 adds percussionist Michael Toolles to the group. Mak also performs duets with George Bell on flute, as well as providing solo performances upon request.

Bruce Mak is a Chicago-based jazz guitarist.

- Looking for a traditional set – Duke Ellington
- Feeling experimental – Thelonious Monk
- Spice it up – Latin-inspired
- Contemporary – Bruce Mak originals

Connect With Bruce Mak

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Mak was formally trained at Berkley College of Music in Boston, and at The American Conservatory of Music and The Academy of Performing Arts both in Chicago. He has studied advanced harmonies, big band arranging and modern classical composers, yet his greatest passion is musical improvisation.

Bruce Mak is currently booking for the remainder of the year.



Private Guitar Instruction

Bruce Mak has been a private guitar instructor for 32 years, teaching all age groups. He has taught at the following locations:

- Musicians Institute of Technology (Hollywood, CA)
- Quilan & Fabish Music Co. (Burr Ridge, IL)
- The Music Gallery (Highland Park, IL)
- World Folk Music Company (Beverly, IL)

If you are interested in guitar lessons, please contact Bruce Mak via email at:

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In the recording studio with Bruce Mak...



Bruce Mak is no stranger to the recording studio, producing original solo material, and collaborating with other musicians. His latest project, *Alexandria*, is a classical guitar and flute duet, featuring Oscar-winner, and Grammy-nominated audio engineer George Belle.

Mak is currently working with band leader Yves Francois y Rocambu Jazz on an album which will be released later this year. He is also back in the studio

with the Bruce Mak Trio: Mak on guitar, Bonbonfera Tim Keenan on drums and Wesley Morgan on bass. The Bruce Mak Trio + 1 adds percussionist Michael Toolles to the equation.

One of his earlier works, *59 Blues*, remains a fan favorite and top seller.

...Jazz Up Your Event

Let Bruce Mak create the soundtrack for your special event. Mak evokes a cool, calm presence reminiscent of past eras. He brings to life music of the jazz greats, and flows into modern improvisational originals without skipping a beat. He truly plays with heart.

