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# COMMISSIONS

*bespoke compositions, arrangements,  
collaborations & production*

by Will McNicol

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## *A Note from Will*

Composition is my passion, and I love the intricate process of crafting music on the acoustic guitar. One particular joy has been composing pieces inspired by specific places or experiences, as every time I play these I'm transported back to that place or moment. Not only that, but I've enjoyed hearing people's own interpretations of my music, and how it has proven to be so evocative to listeners in different ways.

I've had tremendous fun over the years composing for various projects and briefs from advertising campaigns to contemporary dance, tuition pieces to wedding music, and always relish the opportunity to try and capture something in music. I've also enjoyed the process of working alongside musicians who want to shape their own music, and get it to reach its full potential.

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## *The Process*

Whether it be a gift for a music-loving family member, a keepsake for a specific occasion, or indeed a set of exercises for yourself to improve a particular technique, this process is truly unique. You'll have the opportunity to view the composition process from start to finish, or simply provide me with the inspirations and keep it all as a surprise. I love working with stories, imagery - anything you think will help capture what you'd like in musical form. You can provide as much or as little as you like in this regard - everything from specific styles, through to tunings or techniques.

Also, if you're a guitarist or musician and would like guidance with your own existing compositions, then this can also be discussed - I've helped people shape their own pieces from simple chord sequences into fully-arranged fingerstyle compositions with string quartet backing - the scope is huge!

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## *What You Get*

- a fully composed original acoustic guitar composition crafted to your own specification
  - one-of-a-kind score of your composition printed on high quality stock, along with a PDF version
  - studio-quality recording on your choice of guitar (potentially one of your own!)
  - CD produced with artwork created from your own images
  - password protected webpage showcasing the recording, artwork, inspirations and any other elements
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## *Some Additional Options*

- single or multi-angle studio video recording of your commission
  - 7" vinyl single, produced with custom artwork
  - composition and recording done on one of your own guitars
  - bespoke illustration from one of my album art illustrators
  - custom USB stick with hi-res audio files and PDF of score
  - framed score
  - house concert premiere of your composition
  - laser-etched waveform of the recording in your choice of woods
  - string-quartet arrangement and recording by Innotet
  - drum kit parts crafted and recorded by Luke Selby
  - one-to-one online tutorial of the piece
  - anything else you would like we can discuss!
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## *A Couple of Testimonials*

*"Your piece combines the rugged landscape of Islay, immersed in single malt and other delights in an uncanny way - I can hear the waves breaking on that prehistoric shoreline. Thank you so very much for your wonderful composition."*

— CHARLES

*"For anyone considering a commission from Will, I can't recommend it enough. It's a lovely, exciting process - which is continuing as I'm learning to play the piece myself, with Will's able assistance via Zoom!"*

— DAVID

*"Your sound, performance & recording produce an exquisitely moving, delicate yet powerfully optimistic cyclic resonance. Absolute genius - bravo!"*

— SARAH

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## *Getting Started*

If you'd like to get the ball rolling for a commission of your own, please just drop me a line via the *Commissions* page on my website: [willmcnicol.co.uk/commissions](http://willmcnicol.co.uk/commissions).

You can provide some thoughts on the kind of thing you're after, and I can send you a price list to give you some idea of the costs, and how the additional options stack up.

We can also arrange a Zoom meet if you'd like to go through anything in more detail, and then I'll be able to get cracking creating your very own piece of music!

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