

# BIOGRAPHY

NEILDIXONSMITH  
GUITARRISTA

**INSTRUMENTAL SOLO GUITAR FOR RESTAURANTS,  
WEDDINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

I am a solo classical guitarist, a provider of live instrumental background music for parties, banquets, weddings, restaurants, or any special gathering that calls for a lively and elegant ambience.

I have been performing professionally in and around Chicagoland as a soloist since 2004. My repertoire includes a savory mix of Latin American folk and popular styles, and classical guitar music of Spanish and Latin American origin.

My background as a classical guitarist is quite unique. Rather than being a product of a music school, I have apprenticed privately with the Chilean master guitarist Alfonso Chacón since 2001, and I also perform in his quartet, Los Guitarristas.

Through my studies and travels, I have fostered a great love of Latin American guitar music and, as a “North American,” I embrace the challenge of interpreting this work with passion and humility.

I consider it my mission is to bring these styles to new audiences and hopefully pass on these songs and techniques to the next generation of guitarists.

I hope to provide your event with a warm and inviting atmosphere — a welcome spark to conversation, a fine compliment to food and wine, and a raising of the spirits.



**“NEIL DIXON SMITH IS ONE OF MY GREATEST FINDS! AS AN EVENT PLANNER AND PRODUCER, I AM ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THE BEST TALENT. THANKFULLY, NEIL IS NOT ONLY THE MOST TALENTED GUITARIST I’VE EVER HIRED BUT HE IS A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL. HE IS SO EASY TO WORK WITH, HAS A GREAT ATTITUDE AND A WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.”**

*Shannon Downey [ Owner : Pivotal Production ]*

## **PARTIAL REPERTOIRE**

*El Choclo*  
Angel Villoldo (Argentina)

*Desafinado*  
Antonio Carlos Jobim  
(Brazil)

*Manhã de Carnaval*  
Luiz Bonfá (Brazil)

*Son de la Loma*  
Miguel Matamoros (Cuba)

*La Malagueña Salerosa*  
traditional (Mexico)

*Danza Paraguaya*  
Agustín Barrios (Paraguay)

*El Cóndor Pasa*  
traditional (Perú)

*La Flor de la Canela*  
Chabuca Granda  
(Perú)

*Asturias*  
Isaac Albeniz (Spain)

*Recuerdos de la Alhambra*  
Francisco Tarrega (Spain)

*Romanza*  
traditional (Spain)

*Andreína*  
Antonio Lauro (Venezuela)

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