

Tommy Emmanuel, CGP

Artist Quotes

“He’s one of the best guitar players I’ve ever seen.” --**Chet Atkins**

“There’s the top guitarists in the world, and then there’s Tommy!” --**Barry Gibb**

“As anyone who's heard him play can testify his talent is unsurpassable, but to be in a creative environment with him, sharing his generosity of spirit is among the most fulfilling and joyous experiences Teresa and I have had as musicians. –**Larry Campbell**

“Tommy is my favorite acoustic guitarist in the world.” – **Phil Collen** (Def Leppard)”

“I’ve never met anyone in all my years as a musician who knows more about the guitar, how it works and how to play it to within an inch of it’s life. People always say he is “Amazing!”, and he really is. Inside he is as humble as he is amazing and that is what I love about him.” –**Jerry Douglas**

“Tommy is a true force of nature and a phenomenal musician. –**David Grisman**

“It’s always a great experience making music with Tommy Emmanuel. Not only is he an elite, world-class musician, he’s also a total blast to work with. Tommy’s positive spirit and generosity make for best kind of musical environment.” – **Jeff Hanna** (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band)

“There are some musicians that you can connect with so easily that it’s like breathing. Playing with Tommy was like that from the first note we ever played together. His musicianship is mesmerizing, and his joyful spirit makes him one of my favorite musical collaborators!” –**Sierra Hull**

“He’s just so good that he makes you want to burn your guitar.” --**Eric Idle**

“If you like guitar playing, it simply doesn’t get any better than Tommy.” --**Jason Isbell**

“You just can’t help but to have as good a time as Tommy has playing music. He just had us all smiling and pickin’ and that’s just what we like to do!” –**Ronnie McCoury** (The Del McCoury Band & The Travelin’ McCourys)

“He’s is just part of his instrument. You can see him almost dancing with his guitar.” --**Olivia Newton John**

“Tommy Emmanuel is arguably one of the world’s greatest living guitarists. He is also a warm and most wonderful human being. As an artist on stage, he tells a story second to none!” --
Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane & Hot Tuna)

“When you work with Tommy, anything is possible. His command of arrangements and melodies allows you to dig deep into a treasure chest of songs that only a few on the planet dare play. He is that kind of musician.” --**Raul Malo**

“After being a fan for so many years now, the chance to work with an artist and musician of Tommy Emmanuel’s capacity and stature is an immense honor.” --**Michael McDonald**

“Tommy Emmanuel is the consummate musician and a warm and open host. He is one of the finest musicians in the world. He lives and breathes music. What else could one want? --**Bill Payne** (Little Feat)

“When the guitar was invented, it was made for this person to play.” --**John Petrucci** (Dream Theater)

“He’s playing the same 12 notes that the rest of us are using. He got the same 6 strings. He not playing the most unusual guitar in the world. He’s pretty much using the same tools, but what he achieves with it is pretty monumental.” --**Joe Satriani**

"His magical playing sounds like a bunch of guys playing together, but it’s just Tommy on one guitar all by himself. Genius..." --**Patrick Simmons** (Doobie Brothers)

“Imagine Chet Atkins with the testosterone of Eddie Van Halen and you get Tommy” --**Steve Vai**