# Media Release

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# Watch and learn from the best at Acoustic Guitar Spectacular – Regional Tour

The Acoustic Guitar Spectacular – Regional Tour is returning to the Gladstone Region next month for a series of performances and informative workshops.

This series of very special concerts is hosted by internationally acclaimed Brisbane guitarist Michael Fix, who will be joined by legendary Brisbane guitarist, songwriter, composer, arranger and bandleader Jamie Clark and award-winning fingerstyle guitarist and composer Jordan Brodie.

The trio will perform at Agnes Water, Boyne Island, Calliope and Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) between 4-7 August, with workshops to be held at GECC on 6 August.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the *Acoustic Guitar Spectacular – Regional Tour* brings together a hand-picked group of unique and original virtuoso guitarists from across the country.

"Each guitarist is known for their ability to entertain, and each present their unique music with a view to engage and delight audiences with stories, songs, and humour – as well as some fretboard fireworks – making it a performance aimed for all people, not just guitar aficionados," Councillor Burnett said.

"The concerts are structured so that each player will feature as solo artists, as well as performing as an ensemble, allowing plenty of opportunity for spontaneity and improvisation.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to see three talented and original stars of the global acoustic guitar scene together on the one stage.

"Tickets are only \$10, including the workshops, so even the most frugal of musos can afford to attend. There are also three amazing workshops available at the GECC on Saturday 6 August from 10am."

Workshops are free for tickets holders, but bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Visit <u>gladstoneentertainment.com</u> to purchase tickets, alternatively call the GECC Box Office on 4972 2822 or stop by the Box Office in person at 56 Goondoon Street.

#### Performance dates:

- Thursday 4 August, 7pm at Boyne Tannum Community Centre
- Friday 5 August, 7pm at Agnes Water Community Centre
- Saturday 6 August, 7pm at GECC
- Sunday 7 August, 3pm at Calliope Community Centre.

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### **Workshops details**

All workshops to be held at GECC on Saturday 6 august from 10am.

## 10am - Introduction to Fingerstyle Guitar with Jordan Brodie

Jordan's workshop is an introduction to Fingerstyle Guitar and will aim to develop the basic foundations of this technique; playing the melody, bass and rhythm simultaneously.

### 11.30am - Flatpicking Guitar Workshop with Jamie Clark

Jamie's workshop will cover the basics as well as some of the intricacies of the style for both lead and rhythm work, teaching fiddle tunes, classic phrases and having a good time picking.

#### 1pm - Own the stage! with Michael Fix

Michael's workshop teaches practical tips for mental preparation, equipment considerations, conquering nerves, developing confidence, arranging a set list, and numerous stagecraft ideas and confidence-boosting techniques.

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