

## **Pete McCann – Guitar**

An Eau Claire, Wisconsin native, jazz guitarist Pete McCann has been an integral part of the New York City jazz scene for over 25 years. Whirlwind Recordings has just released his fifth CD, *Range*, which earned a 4.5-star review from DownBeat Magazine. A sought-after sideman from duos to big bands, with a unique and wide-ranging set of musical skills, McCann has played guitar on over 100 CDs. Pete has performed in every type of venue from jazz clubs, to jazz festivals, schools to concert halls and even Carnegie Hall. He has traveled to 17 countries and has played in almost every state in the USA.

McCann has performed and/or recorded with Kenny Wheeler, Dave Liebman, Lee Konitz, Patti Austin, Brian Blade, Bobby Previte, Grace Kelly, the Mahavishnu Project and the Maria Schneider Orchestra. He currently works in groups lead by Melissa Stylianou, Jocelyn Medina, Joe Fiedler, Ben Kono, Spin Cycle, Dan Willis, Pete Mills, Chris Tarry, Jacob Varmus, the Breithaupt Brothers and orchestras led by Asuka Kakitani, Christopher Zuar and the New York Japanese Women Jazz Composers. As a commercial recording artist, he has worked on projects for CNN, BBC, Sesame Street and IBM.

McCann's current release, *Range*, features John O'Gallagher, Henry Hey and Mark Ferber. His earlier CDs have featured Mike Holober, John Hebert, Peter Epstein, Mike Sarin, Tim Lefebvre and Matt Wilson. His solo recordings as a leader have received rave reviews:

*Parable* (1998): "McCann is a multitasking dynamo as he switch hits between blazing guitar pyrotechnics and clear-toned, fleet fingered jazz soloing." -- [www.allaboutjazz.com](http://www.allaboutjazz.com)

*You Remind Me of Someone* (2000): "Along with fine playing and breadth, McCann has an underlying artistry...." -- *Jazz Times*

*Most Folks* (2006): "This and virtually every tune offered during the performance revealed McCann to be a song writer of considerable gifts." -- *Portland Herald Press*

*Extra Mile* (2009): "[T]he Eau Claire, Wisconsin native continues to make strong personal statements with his sophisticated harmonic sensibility, blistering chops and improvisational daring." -- *Guitar Player*

*Range* (2015): "McCann has such command of his instrument that he can go deep in any setting..." -- *DownBeat*

McCann received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Texas and teaches at City College of New York and the New School in New York City as well as the Maine Jazz Camp. He has written articles for *Guitar Player* and *DownBeat* magazines and was featured in the NYC Jazz Guitar Summit for the True Fire video series. Pete is endorsed by D'Addario and Planet Waves.