

'Around the world in 80 plays' – guitar journey summaries



Introduction

In November 2018 at the time of Bert Jansch's 75th birthday, Bert's favourite type of guitar, the Yamaha LL series, the TransAcoustic, set sail across continents from artist to artist, each player expressing how much Bert and his music has meant to them – and to the world.

Click these titles to read the full story of each of the 5 guitar's journey, and the hundred artists that played them.

Preface – the Journey Begins

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5. The **Pilgrim** Guitar's journey: north, south, east and west of the UK

Some stopovers were with artist of international repute, such as Richard Thompson and Tommy Emmanuel. Some artists were revered in their own spheres, and some were newcomers to discovering the delights of the music of Bert Jansch. The dedicated website for 80 plays is a font of endless discovery and enjoyment as you watch and listen to what all these amazing artists ranging from 17 to over 70 years old, delivered, and the sometimes-surprising things that they say about Bert. What is special for the Bert Jansch Foundation to see, is the number of young players, some only teenagers, hooked and inspired by the music of Bert Jansch. To see and hear them, and all the players, click here: <https://80plays.bertjanschfoundation.org/>

Here is a summary of each journey:

1. The Johnny's journey: November 2018 – April 2023. Manchester to Milan (26 plays)

- **UK: Manchester** with Johnny Marr; **London** with Bernard Butler; **Camden Town** with Louis de Beaumont, Ben Murphie, Gabriel Kazz, and Dariush Kanani.
- **Belgium: Brussels** with Neeka and Frank van der Linden.
- **Netherlands: Delft** with Renee Meesters and Faint Lights; **Eindhoven** with Eltjo Haselhoff.
- **Denmark: Århus** with Rolf Skytte Jensen; **Skibby** with Peder Skytte; **Aars** with Jens Stage; **Lystrup** with Lars Ingesman.
- **France: Rians** with Pierre Lebras; **Reims** with Didier Bégon and Pascal Froissart; **Pernes les Fontaines** with Philippe Rouquié; and **Treillieres** with Johnson Hogg.
- **Israel: Beer Sheva** with Nir Mehlman; **Tel Aviv** with Amos Zimmerman.
- **Italy: Bergamo** with Buck Curran and with Andrea Valeri of **Pisa** and with Kamil Wysocki of **Parma** and finally to **Milan** with Luca and Mario Barbaglia.



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## 2. The Wildcard Guitar Journey December 2018 – September 2022 Criss-crossing Britain and Ireland (27 plays)

The Wildcard set off on its way from the Launch Party at Yamaha Music in London to

- **Sheffield** with Chris Murphy
- **Edinburgh** with Nike Walker, Dave Moir, Sam Grassie;
- **Ireland: Dublin** with Eoghan O'Shaughnessy and Lankum; **Belfast** with Steve McCann; **Macroom Co Cork** with Ger Wolf; **Mayfield Co Cork** with Finan Lucy and Tony Henderson; and **Limerick** with Alan Jordan.
- **London** with James Walbourne and Richard Thompson.
- **Frome Somerset** at the Bert Jansch Studio for John Smith and Cara Dillon with Sam Lakeman
- **Rickingham Suffolk**, played by Jane and James Bromley as well as Peter Reeves
- **Keele Staffordshire** with Hassam Mahmood from Pakistan
- **Bingley West Yorkshire** with Katie Spencer
- **Oxshott Surrey** with Michael Watts



- **Hastings Kent** with Jason McNiff
- **Penzance Cornwall** with Sarah Mc Quaid
- **Totnes and Dartmoor Devon** to Gareth Hedges and Graham Harvey
- **Crewkerne Somerset** for Reg Meuross; **Chester** with Sam Carter – visiting several **Folk Festivals** across the country and getting signatures also from Maddy Prior (Steeleye Span) Pete Morton and Pete Townshend – before it was returned by Reg Meuross to the Bert Jansch Foundation via Trustee Adam Jansch at the Bert Jansch Studio at the Cheese and Grain Arts Centre in Frome Somerset.



### 3. The Beth Guitar Journey December 2018 – October 2023 England and Scotland (15 plays)

- **Brighton** for Ben Walker
- **Hebden Bridge West Yorkshire** to Steve Tilston
- **Altrincham** with Kirk McElhenny
- **Lowton Cheshire** with Ryan Deakin
- **Liverpool** John Chandler and Tony McManus (on a visit to the UK from Canada)
- **Shipley West Yorkshire** to Gerry Cooper
- **Scotland: Inverness** Ewan McPherson (pictured)
- **St Andrews:** Jonathan Kemp
- **Edinburgh** Simon Kempston; and with Sam Grassie on tour
- **London** Elliott Morris
- **Surrey** Jacquie McShee and Mike Piggott
- **London** to Beth Orton



### 4. The Graham Guitar Journey July 2019 – October 2022 Up and down the West Coast of America then over to the East (17 plays)

- **Monterrey, Pacific Grove California** to Rick Chelew
- **Santa Cruz** for Tommy Emmanuel (pictured) (on tour from Australia)
- **Redwood Grove** with Mark Woyshner
- **Mendocino Redwood Valley** Alex di Grassi
- **Yreka California** to David Nigel Lloyd (who managed the Graham's journey)
- **Medford (Applegate Valley) Oregon** Kevin Carr
- **San Francisco** Danny Carnahan
- **Santa Cruz** William Coulter



- **Bakersfield California;** Dave Ogden
- **Pittsburgh PA** Liz McBride
- **Vermont West Townshend** with Hungrytown (Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson)
- **Northampton, Mass** Jonathan Stevens
- **Bristol, Rhode Island** Allysen Callery
- **Long Island City New York** Gerry “Spooky Ghost” Leonard
- **Sellersville PA** Rolly Brown
- **Doylestown PA** Jay Ancill
- **Yorkshire UK Black Dyke Mills Heritage Venue in Queensbury,** Chris Brain



## 5.The ‘Pilgrim’ Guitar’s Journey: April 2019 – September 2023 Surrey to Scotland (15 plays)

- **Paul Weller’s Blackburn Studios in Surrey,** with Steve Pilgrim and Danny Thompson
- **Shrewsbury Shropshire** with Clive Carroll **Harwich Essex** to Kete Bowers
- **Fleet Hampshire** with Jack Theaker and Peter Ivey
- **Gateshead Tyne and Wear** with Ben Church
- **Atlow Moat Derbyshire** with Nick Jonah Davis
- **Liverpool** with James John Turner;
- **Glasgow** to Mike Hastings and Robin Adams;
- **London** to Campbell Baum and Broadside Hacks;
- **Edinburgh** with Rory Butler;
- **Argyll** with Robin Miller;
- **Glasgow** again to Jamie Flett

