

Guy Buttery & Derek Gripper

Long-time friends, collaborators and leading exponents of the acoustic guitar in South Africa, Derek Gripper and Guy Buttery collaborated on their first recorded release in an improvised live concert captured in Cape Town in 2019. First heard as an exclusive premiere on NPR's "New Sounds" radio show, the album is something of a melting pot of South African and Eastern influences, with Guy Buttery's long-time fascination with his home town Durban's long history of Indian culture and music, as well as both of the guitarist's interest and exposure to African music, Guy's immersion in Maskandi and Derek's long-time history of translating and collaborating with kora players worldwide.

Derek Gripper is known for his groundbreaking techniques of infusing Bach's music with lessons from the oral traditions of Africa and evoking the West African kora, having transcribed the complex music of Malian Toumani Diabaté for interpretation on six-string guitar. The results appeared on his ninth album, "One Night on Earth," creating an unprecedented meeting point between the written tradition of Western classical music and the oral tradition of the West African griots. Derek has performed with Diabaté's Symmetric Orchestra and classical guitar legend John Williams, and is at present touring and recording with Malian kora master Ballaké Sissoko (watch out for a 2024 US tour).

"Guy Buttery is something of a National treasure", says The Durban Mercury. A multi-instrumentalist, forest explorer, treehouse builder and avid birder, Guy Buttery has traveled the globe as an ambassador for South African music, and inspiring people across the world with his unique style which evokes everything positive and beautiful about Kwazulu Natal, the place he calls home. His career started at the age of 19 when he won the coveted South African Music Award, and he has been playing ever since, collaborating with the who's who of South African music and recording albums solo, with string quartet, and orchestra.

LINKS:

Guy Buttery and Derek Gripper:

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Derek Gripper:

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Guy Buttery:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B0r7bDDzmuDranpVSGwxNIBMOEE?resourcekey=0-sCu58RcnKiHv7F2Yyb-siQ&usp=share_link

Individual websites:

www.derekgripper.com

www.guybutteryco.za

Hear their first live album here:

<https://newcape.bandcamp.com/album/guy-buttery-and-derek-gripper-live-in-cape-town-limited-edition-download>