

Mitch Weverka
Press Biography (short version)
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Mitch Weverka is a prize winning guitarist from Fort Worth, TX. He performs music from every historical period, from renaissance to avant-garde. Recent performances include late 20th century music by Mexican-born composers, all-Bach recitals and programs of 19th century Italian guitar music. In 2006 he produced the CD recording "Mission-Statement", a compilation recording of members of the Fort Worth Guitar Guild. He has been broadcast live on NPR affiliates in Nashville and Houston. He is also a frequent guest at guitar festivals throughout the southern U.S. and Italy.

Born in California but raised in Fort Worth, Texas, Mitch Weverka began playing guitar at age seven, receiving most of his instruction from Bolivian guitarist/artist Oscar Valdez. He holds performance degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music (B.M.) and Southern Methodist University (Artist Certificate). He also studied in Cremona, Italy where he lived for three years in his early twenties. His principal teachers were Robert Guthrie, Giovanni Puddu, Matteo Mela and John Holmquist. While in Italy he received a Diploma of Merit from the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena where he studied with Oscar Ghiglia and, received a diploma from the Academia Chitaristica al Teatro Cingio in Parma. As a student, he performed in many master classes for a long list of touring artists.

Currently, he lives in the historic Near Southside of Fort Worth where he freelances as a performer and maintains a private teaching studio. He is also the Artistic director of the Fort Worth Guitar Guild and directs the Guitar Guild Music Festival at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.