

ARMED AND DANGEROUS: NEW CD BY WORLD CHAMPION FINGERSTYLE GUITARIST DON ALDER

Vancouver (September xx, 2015) – Award-winning guitarist Don Alder announces the release of his new CD, “Armed and Dangerous.” Special guests on the album include bassist extraordinaire Billy Sheehan and Italian guitarist Luca Francioso. Alder, the only guitarist to win the three top guitar contests in the world (Guitar Idol III, Guitar Superstar and the International Fingerstyle Championship), has gained many high-profile fans: “Don is one of those guitarists who should be famous around the world,” said Ray Daniels, manager for the band Rush.

On “Armed and Dangerous,” which pays homage to the popular “Walking Dead” television series, Alder blends his signature technical prowess with deep emotion and expression. A dozen songs feature a variety of styles, including solo pieces, baritone guitar pieces, harp guitar with singing, two singer/songwriter tunes with band, a duet and more. The CD sounds more like an improvised, spontaneous performance rather than a meticulously recorded set of songs and Alder’s unique approach on the guitar is captured with the intensity of a live concert.

Highlights include the title cut, “Armed and Dangerous,” written for baritone guitar, which slams out of the speakers like a hurricane. Alder won the Guitar Idol III contest with “Going Rogue,” an edgy, rhythmic piece that sounds like an ensemble of guitarists rather than one set of hands on a single instrument. Billy Sheehan appears on the aggressive “Dancing with Spin Doctors,” on which Alder plays a fingerstyle approach on electric guitar. The haunting, beautiful track “Sophrosyne” emanates fragility and humility but with finely honed expression. Another gem, “Precious Moments,” showcases Alder’s uncanny ability to express emotion and create space.

“Armed and Dangerous” is available at <http://www.donalder.com/donaldercd.htm>. As a bonus, buyers of the CD are also eligible to download all the tracks as instrumentals. The CD is also available as a “pay what you can” download. The CD will also be available on itunes, amazon, and CD baby in the near future.

Armed and Dangerous is the follow up to “Not A Planet,” which received two music industry nominations in Canada for Instrumental CD of the year. In addition to winning the three most prestigious guitar competitions in the world, Alder also received a Dominic Troiano Guitar Award in Canada and a BrandLaureate Award in Malaysia. He has performed at the Vancouver Winter Olympics and at several Muriel Anderson’s All Star Guitar Night performances, held annually at the NAMM musical instrument industry trade convention. He has shared the stage with Grammy Award winner Angelique Kidjo and astronaut Commander Chris Hadfield. A top endorser for Yamaha Guitars, Ernie Ball strings and Seymour Duncan, Alder has served on the advisory panel for Lee Ritenour’s Six String Theory contest and the advisory board for pickup development at Seymour Duncan Pickups.

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