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#### WELCOME TO SIMON SCOTT GUITARS

Welcome to Simon Scott Guitars and thank you for visiting my website.

Simon Scott Guitars is a business ran by luthier, musician and guitar teacher Simon Scott.

Simon Scott Guitars offers a wide range of services, to musicians of all ages and ability that includes custom made guitars, guitar lessons and more.

This website is a portal for all of the services offered by Simon Scott Guitars.

#### Services include

- Private tuition in guitar, bass and theory.
- Online lessons and resources that will aid you in your playing and understanding.
  - Setups, repairs and modification service
- Bespoke handcrafted guitars made from the highest quality materials and hardware. We accept custom design commissions. Tell us what you want and we can make It for you.
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### **ABOUT SIMON SCOTT GUITARS**

It's always difficult to know where to start with these things, but I'd say that I first started developing an interest in music when I was very young as my father was interested in music himself. He would always be listening to music on his cassette player inside and on car journeys, he'd be singing along, we'd attend folk festivals and musical gatherings together and they'd always be musical instruments laying about at home.

By the age of age of 5, my interest in music grew and I started to learn how to play the keyboard within group lessons. I began playing live performances from the age of 6 and started to be more comfortable with playing infront of people. Although group lessons were okay for me in the beginning, It soon became clear that I needed to start private lessons as this offered a more personalised learning experience. Soon I was completing music grade examinations with the associated board of the royal school of music (ABRSM) in piano.

My interest in music continued to grow and I was often intrigued by guitar focused music. At the age of 7 a close friend started guitar lessons and told me that I should too and that we should form a band. It was then that I began my guitar journey. I began taking private guitar lessons alongside my piano lessons. I was soon working towards my guitar examinations and I felt a much stronger synergy with guitar than I did keyboard and piano. Eventually (after I completed my grade 7 on piano) this led me to focus solely on the guitar. I started playing guitar as part of an orchestra, began to meet other musicians and soon I formed my first band. At the start I took a lot of inspiration from the bands around in the 90s and was inspired by guitarists like Noel Gallager, Kurt Cobain and Billy Joe Armstrong. I went on to perform in several groups from Ska, to punk, to metal, played guitar in a cover band and also performed as a solo artist.

After school, I carried on my music learning into college and completed my Music and Music Technology A-level. I continued with my guitar examinations alongside this and by the end of college I had my grade 8 and diploma with Nationwide exam board. I then went on to complete my grade 8 for Rockshool examination board and London College of Music examination board on acoustic guitar. It was here that I started to feel more confident in my guitar playing ability and knowledge of guitar. At this stage I started teaching friends and relatives.... This soon turned into a passion to share and pass on what I had learnt with others....

After college I went to guitar making school... why? Where I learnt to make and repair guitars and crafted my first acoustic guitar from scratch.

I Built up workshop and began honing my skills as a craftman and also began preparing for my journey into becoming a guitar teacher.

I've always found playing guitar to offer many benefits, from the therapeutic nature of it, benefits for wellbeing, as well as a good way to help concentration, general learning, memory and socially. Through music I made many of the friends I am still close with to this day.

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I have twenty five years of guitar playing experience having begun my musical journey playing piano at the age of five (up to grade 6 – London College of Music) followed by guitar at the age of 7.

I have experience in multiple genres of music ranging from classical to jazz to blues to rock and more extreme forms of metal. Over the years I've played with several groups spanning various genres, including performing in an orchestra and as a solo artist.

I am a RGT registered tutor. I've taken and passed exams in London College of Music, Nationwide Music Examinations and Rockschool up to Diploma level. I am qualified to teach and enter students into examinations across all music exam boards should they wish to take exams (for students looking to go into higher education this can contribute to their UCAS points), I can also tailor lessons to whatever the student wishes to learn, whether this be working towards music qualifications or simply learning to jam their favourite tunes. I can also help students learn/build on composition skills, theory, general technique and how to use recording equipment and software.

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Over the years I've built a number of electric custom guitars, worked on numerous repair jobs, modifications and set ups.

If you have a problem with your guitar or wish to customise it in any way bring it along and I will have a look at it free of charge and provide a quote.

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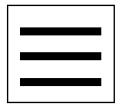
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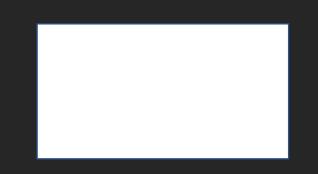
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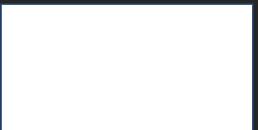
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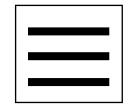
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