



## Joël Fafard - Rocking Horse



Regina Guitarist, Joël Fafard's fiery blend of urban and rural slide finger style guitar embodies such styles as blues, bluegrass, country, Celtic, jazz and classical.

In 2003, Fafard teamed up with violist Richard Moody and double bass player Gilles Fournier to record his first entirely instrumental acoustic CD entitled *Rocking Horse*. *Rocking Horse* is a powerful emotional acoustic experience.

*Rocking Horse* was nominated for Outstanding Instrumental Recording at the Western Canadian Music Awards in 2004 and will be released in Europe in 2005 with a European tour to follow.

Joël performed at the Western Canadian Music Awards in 2004 and has showcased at Ontario Contact 2000, Western Canadian Music Awards 2003 and Pacific Contact 2004, OSAC 2004 and Rendevous Folk 2004.

Fafard has performed with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra and has opened for such artists as Joe Cocker and Burton Cummings.

Joël was recently honoured with the inclusion of his tune *Megan and the Wascana Cyclone* in Mel Bay's *Master's Anthology for Finger-Style Guitar Solos Vol. 3*.

Versatile multi-instrumentalist and composer Richard Moody hails from Winnipeg, Manitoba. After years of schooling as a classical violist, Richard turned his attention to different folk styles and eventually, jazz. He is considered one of the premier string improvisers in North America. Richard is also currently working with Swing Soniq and Paris to Kiev.

Gilles Fournier's virtuosic versatility on 4, 5 and 6 string electric and acoustic basses positions him as one of the most in demand musicians in Winnipeg. Augmenting his formal studies at St. Francis Xavier University with private lessons from legendary masters including Dave Young, Michel Donato, Charles Fambrough and Victor Wooten, Gilles has melded these disparate influences and styles into a highly individualized musical signature.

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