

# Jake Peters

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*Luthier, Teacher, Musician, Singer, Songwriter,*

The small town of Didsbury, Alberta is home to Jake Peters. As an accomplished, award-winning guitar and banjo-picker, anything with strings is fair game to Jake. His latest additions to his stringed instrument arsenal includes the oud, sas, dombra and barabat - all hailing from the Middle East. He is an amazing teacher, an inspiring mentor, a singer song-writer, an incredible musician and a gifted luthier. He can make music with almost anything placed in his hands.

Jake's finesse not only lies with his creative ability – styles include bluegrass, blues, Celtic, classical, folk, gospel, and Spanish – but also displays his talents as a fine, meticulous luthier. Although his main focus is on designing and building guitars, banjos and mandolins, his repair work is also well-sought after, with many people bringing their vintage instruments in for the careful attention he gives to restoring each piece to original detail.

His ability as a musician is a delight to watch, hear and feel, especially the spontaneous interaction that evolves when he works with other musicians. His show includes multiple styles of music including: gospel, blue grass, blues, country, Spanish, Hawaiian, jazz, classical and world rhythms. He is a “musician's musician”. A well-known name among professional musicians both sides of the border, he has worked with such artists as Cindy Church, Dick Damron, Eli Barsi, Ben Crane, Pam Tillis, Lisa Brokop, Randy Travis, Randy Bachman and Dennis Agajanian.

A low key meeting with the world-renowned Pavlo at the Bearberry Community Centre has led Jake on the latest leg of his amazing journey. His many recent musical highlights include guest appearances with Pavlo on several occasions. Jake has recently hand-crafted a one-of-a-kind prototype guitar on request for his friend Pavlo “The Pavlo Signature Series”. The unique design of this guitar, soon to be unveiled, will be a must-have for any nylon string afficionado.

Jake appreciates that individuals have different styles of learning so he endeavors to find what works best for each student. He teaches very beginners all the way through to advanced. He teaches steel string and nylon string guitar, all styles focusing on finger style methods. He also teaches 5 string banjo, mandolin, fiddle, Irish bouzouki, ukulele, bass and percussion. Students flock to Jake for what he can pass down to them. He loves to encourage the growth of young artists, passing on the gift that has been given to him.

For anyone interested in contacting Jake, he can be reached at Mountain View Guitar Werks in Didsbury at (403) 335-4984.