

Education

Marcus de Jong (b. 1985) started to play the guitar at the age of 8. He received his basis from his father.

After finishing secondary school, he went on to study the guitar at ArtEZ music academy in Arnhem. His main guitar teacher there was Lydia Kennedy and he also received lessons by Hein Sanderink and Frans van Gurp.

Outside ArtEZ, he has studied at master-classes given by Alvaro Pierri, Michael Tröster, Marcin Dylla, Marco Pereira, Johan Fostier, David Russel, Robert Horna, Zoran Dukic, Alberto Mesirca, Lex Eisenhardt and Atanas Ourkouzounov.

He received his Masters degree in 2009. For his final examination concert, he received the highest score ever awarded at ArtEZ.

Marcus de Jong is mostly interested in the interpretation of early-20th century guitar composers, be it solo or chamber music. He has performed in guitar duos, trios and quartets, among others in combination with the clarinet and percussion. He has played accompaniment for singers and independent theatre projects with guitar music.

Concerts

In the summer of 2012, he gave concerts, master-classes and sat in the jury at:

the China Shenyang Guitar art Festival

the 6th Chinese Guitar festival in Hebei province, China. At both these events, television programmes were made about him by CCTV (China Central Television), among others.

He gave masterclasses and solo concerts in:

Kaifeng

Xi'An.

In the Netherlands he gave concerts organized, among others, by:

RTV Amstelveen, live performance at the Radio

Guitar Bourse, Groesbeek

Podium Acanthus,

Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ,

Soeterbeeck concertserie,

Theater 'de Schalm',

Stichting dag Lochem.

He has been active at summer courses and guitar festivals around Europe too. He gave concerts at:

Het Twents Gitaarfestival

Festival de la Guitarra de Cordoba

Gitaarweken Zwolle.

Work

Besides playing at concerts, Marcus de Jong likes teaching and playing for the next generations. He has his own music-school in Boxmeer and Cuijk, the Netherlands (www.gitaarschooldegitarist.nl). Besides, he has been a guitar teacher at the Muziek- en Dansschool in Amstelveen, the Netherlands since 2007.