DANNY TRENT

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Danny Trent is an Italian fingerstyle guitarist, composer and educator based in Bari. His musical language blends the melodic character of acoustic guitar with the roots of fingerpicking, country and blues, creating arrangements built around dynamics, rhythmic drive and expressive personality.

He began playing music at the age of nine, initially learning by ear and drawing inspiration from Mark Knopfler's guitar solos with Dire Straits. He later pursued classical guitar studies at the "Niccolò Piccinni" Conservatory in Bari, graduating with honors according to his original biography. His training includes seminars and masterclasses with Eduardo Isaac, Flavio Cucchi, Aniello Desiderio, Don Ross, Preston Reed, Doyle Dykes and Tommy Emmanuel.

His background also spans rock, blues and jazz. He played with the bands Insomnia and Astrea, recording the EP "From Birth to Confusion" (2005), and appeared at the Sziget Festival in 2006. From 2005 to 2013 he was a member of the De Falla Guitar Orchestra, taking part in festivals and television productions. Alongside his solo development, he built an extensive teaching career and performed in projects celebrating artists including Bon Jovi, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Michael Jackson.

In 2018, Trent released his debut album "Two Homes", inspired in part by his time in Canada. The track "Waterfalls" was selected by Rob Poland for the Candyrat Records YouTube channel. His performances have taken him to Canada and France, including the Festival de la Guitare in Issoudun, as well as guitar-focused festivals and events.

In 2019, he received the "Best Emerging Italian Guitarist" award at the 26th ADGPA Convention and 14th Guitar International Rendez-vous. In 2020, he was named one of the five worldwide finalists for "Acoustic Guitarist of the Year", presented by Guitar World and Guitar Player. He also attended the NAMM Show in Anaheim in 2022, 2023 and 2024, with documented performances in 2022 and 2023.

On October 3, 2025, he released "Soulstice", a solo fingerstyle guitar album featuring twelve tracks of original compositions and arrangements. Its repertoire includes "Get To The Point", "West Coast Wildfire" and "Bedside Lullaby", alongside interpretations of internationally known pieces. The record marks a new chapter in his exploration of acoustic guitar tone, technique and musical storytelling.

His work has been featured or discussed by specialist publications and platforms including Fingerstyle Guitar Journal, MainlyPiano, Minor 7th, Guitar World, Guitar Player, Musicoff and Rockit. He is associated with Timberline Guitars, G7th and AER. Alongside his live performances, Trent continues to teach and share the art of fingerstyle guitar.

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Two Homes (2018) — solo album. Soulstice (2025) — solo album.

AWARDS & PRESS

Awards: Best Emerging Italian Guitarist 2019 (ADGPA); Worldwide Top 5 finalist, Acoustic Guitarist of the Year 2020 (Guitar World / Guitar Player). Selected press: Fingerstyle Guitar Journal (Spring 2026, Issue 43), MainlyPiano, Minor 7th, Musicoff, Rockit and others.

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