

**Billy Watman (guitar)** is an award winning seventeen year-old, Anglo-Brazilian Classical/Flamenco fingerstyle guitarist.

Billy has been playing since the age of six, and regularly performs live at music events across the UK. He has performed at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe since the age of just nine and in 2013 he was the winner of the inaugural Edinburgh Guitar and Music Festival National Guitar Competition.

Billy's online guitar videos have attracted millions of online views and have been shared by, amongst others, QUEEN and Brian May's official online pages.

In 2016, Billy took part in the Sky Arts TV music competition "Guitar Star" - successfully reaching the final three - from thousands of applicants. The competition was open to guitarists of all ages and all musical genres.

During the various stages of the process he met, worked with, and had one on one mentor sessions with a plethora of guitar and music industry legends, including George Benson, Milos Karadaglic, Nitin Sawhney, Tony Iommi, Jon Gomm, and spent a day recording a track in the iconic Abbey Road Studio number two, with legendary record producer Tony Visconti (most famous as David Bowie's producer) at the controls.

The grand final was held at The Latitude Festival in Suffolk, where Billy had the chance to perform to a huge audience. He featured in all nine episodes of the show, and his audition video, playing Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, was an internet sensation, with over 8.5 million views to date.

Billy joined The Purcell School in September 2014, where he studies guitar with Francesco Mariani. His supported by a scholarship from the Government's Music and Dance scheme.