

Thomas Zwijsen is best known for his arrangements of famous rock, metal and pop songs for classical solo guitar. With these arrangements he has gained over 4 million viewers on YouTube. ([www.youtube.com/thomaszwijsen2007](http://www.youtube.com/thomaszwijsen2007))

Zwijsen studied classical guitar at the Artez conservatoire in Arnhem, and Latin/jazz/ Brazilian guitar at Codarts in Rotterdam. This, combined with his love of flamenco and metal strongly influenced his style of guitar playing.

His first solo album **Nylon Maiden** contains 11 unique arrangements of **Iron Maiden** songs. Most of these are solo arrangements, and for others Thomas is joined by guest musicians, including Tony Newton (Voodoo Six) and Blaze Bayley (former Iron Maiden singer). The album is released worldwide by Yellowdog/Blacklake and by King Records in Asia. Zwijsen also released a single with 2 non-album tracks (The Evil That Men Do/Run To The Hills) on red vinyl and a tablature book including online video lessons for 12 of his Nylon Maiden arrangements.

Thomas has worked closely with Blaze Bayley; as composer, co-producer and lead guitarist on 'The King Of Metal' album, 'Russian Holiday EP' and several world tours. On March 11th 2014 the new album **Nylonized** was released. Nylonized contains tracks from several artists and original compositions. Among the guest musicians on the album are: **Kee Marcello** (Europe - guitar), **Derek Sherinian** (Dream Theater, Black Country Communion, Billy Idol - piano), **David Readman** (Pink Cream 69 - vocals), **Damian Wilson** (Threshold, Ayreon – vocals) and **Blaze Bayley** (Iron Maiden – vocals). The album was mastered by award winning master engineer **Maor Applebaum** in Hollywood.

To support these releases Thomas has toured extensively in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. His solo shows are known to have a great vibe, where audiences often sing along to his arrangements, creating a notably different atmosphere from conventional classical guitar concerts. In 2014 Thomas continues playing solo concerts as well as shows with Blaze Bayley. Also he embarked on a European tour with his newly formed guitar trio; the **Master Guitar Tour** ([www.masterguitartour.com](http://www.masterguitartour.com)) featuring Ben Woods (USA) and Glenn Roth (USA).

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