

Richard Lenz

Richard Lenz, born in Amsterdam, started to play the guitar at a young age. In the Netherlands, Richard pursued his studies at the Conservatorium of Music in Alkmaar with Tamara Kropat, and subsequently at the Rotterdam Conservatorium of Music with Dick Hoogeveen.

Richard won two scholarships to help him further his studies overseas in Wales. As a student at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Richard undertook his postgraduate studies in Cardiff under the guidance of renowned British concert guitarist John Mills, and also studied period performance practice, visiting early music specialist Nigel North in London. Throughout his studies, Richard played in numerous festivals and master classes with many of the world's leading guitarists.

Richard maintains a busy performance and tuition schedule and has appeared in recitals both as a soloist and in various ensembles, including a Royal Performance. His performances have been described as "...very powerful and emotional...(a) player of a high calibre."

As part of Duo Lenz, Richard and his wife Ruth have established themselves as one of Australia's leading classical guitar duos and have given recitals worldwide. Duo Lenz has been invited to play for many prestigious events and festivals and their performance schedule has been extensive. Together they have made television appearances and received extensive radio airplay.

Richard has written many works for guitar solo, duet and ensemble and his compositions receive regular airplay on ABC Classic FM. He is the director of several award-winning guitar ensembles and has acted as an adjudicator, in addition to being an examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board and the UWA Conservatorium of Music.