

Thomas Zwijzen - Guitar Virtuoso

Thomas Zwijzen is most known for playing Metal and Rock hits on Classical guitar.

*He created Nylon Maiden, gained a huge fanbase on YouTube (over 100.000 subscribers, almost 25 Million views) and plays live **all over the world** in theaters, rock clubs and on festivals.*

- Thomas has almost **25 Million views on YouTube** and over **100.000 Subscribers**: (www.YouTube.com/ThomasZwijzen) He won the “Silver Play Button” award for outstanding YouTube achievements.
- Thomas played over 600 concerts worldwide, taking him to **South America, Dubai, Asia**, and all over **Europe**. He performs in rock venues, theaters and at guitar festivals like *Guitar Summit Mannheim (D)*, *Hermoupolis Guitar Festival (GR)*, *Hits On The Guitar in Koszalin (PL)*, *Larvik Guitar Festival (NOR)*, *Twents Gitaar Festival (NL)* and many more.
- Thomas currently tours the world with his new **Nylon Metal Double CD** which contains 28 metal songs on classical guitar, with special guests like **Blaze Bayley** (Iron Maiden) and **Bruce Kulick** (KISS). Watch here: <https://youtu.be/bNvqWMb587Y>
- Thomas performs and records frequently with former **Iron Maiden** singer Blaze Bayley.
- Thomas released **7 solo albums**, all **available worldwide** via <http://www.thomaszwijzen.com/store.php> and on *iTunes*, *Google*, *Amazon*, *Spotify*, etc. Thomas also composed and recorded several Blaze Bayley albums, including new release **December Wind** (November 2018).
- Thomas works with impressive guest musicians such as **Nita Strauss** (Alice Cooper), **Bruce Kulick** (KISS), **Derek Sherinian** (ex-Dream Theater), **Kee Marcello** (ex-Europe) and more.
- The “**Thomas Zwijzen Signature Guitar**” is available in stores worldwide, **handmade in Spain** by **Ortega Guitars**. (Thomas’ Official endorser).
- **King Of The Strings** is Thomas’ successful online guitar school at www.KingOfTheStrings.com
- Thomas studied Classical Guitar at the **Artez** conservatoire of Arnhem (NL) and World-Music at the **Codarts** conservatoire of Rotterdam (NL).

LINKS

Official Website: www.ThomasZwijzen.com

YouTube channel (108K Subscribers, 25M views): www.YouTube.com/ThomasZwijzen

Official Facebook page (over 22.000 fans): www.Facebook.com/ThomasZwijzenGuitar

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Zwijzen

Spotify (Streamed 2M min. annually): <https://open.spotify.com/artist/2ZW9CzcLtN5fyvsSZoHR39>

Instagram (4000 followers): www.Instagram.com/Thomas_Zwijzen



“Thomas Zwijsen will blow your mind with his guitar skills, we love that guy!”
Metal Hammer Magazine

“Amazing skills and coordination”
Classic Rock Magazine

Thomas Zwijsen is best known for his arrangements of famous **rock and metal** songs for Classical/Spanish guitar. He has the ability to play vocal melodies, guitar licks, chords, baselines and even drum parts at the same time.

With these arrangements he has gained **over 24 million views on YouTube** and over **107.000 subscribers**.

Dutch guitar virtuoso Thomas Zwijsen studied classical guitar at the *Artez* conservatoire in Arnhem and world music at *Codarts* in Rotterdam. In combination with his interest in flamenco and metal, this strongly influenced his style of guitar playing.

Thomas’ most popular project is **Nylon Maiden**; *Iron Maiden* songs arranged for classical guitar. Most popular is his version of *Fear Of The Dark*, which has 4,5 million views now: <https://youtu.be/6vE0oFFSE7c>.

For his first Nylon Maiden album Thomas invited ex *Iron Maiden* singer **Blaze Bayley** as a special guest. Blaze and Thomas have been collaborating ever since, touring all over the world together and releasing multiple albums including *King Of Metal*, *Russian Holiday* and 2018 release **December Wind**.

Following the first Nylon Maiden album Thomas has released the following solo albums:

- **Nylon Maiden II**: Iron Maiden songs and original compositions. (video for “Hallowed Be Thy Name” with 1 million views: <https://youtu.be/yHd8NRJRMZY>)
- **Nylonized**: Famous Rock/Metal arrangements and original compositions. Guest musicians are **Kee Marcello** (Europe), **Derek Sherinian** (ex Dream Theater), **Damian Wilson** (Ayreon) and more. (video for “Perfect Storm” featuring all the guests: <https://youtu.be/NFgHw190u5E>)
- **Divide & Unite**: 11 original compositions, includes violin, viola, cello, drums, bass and choir. (video for “Fireflies” with Thomas’ complete band: <https://youtu.be/gyj5SdDMF0c>)
- **Master Guitar Tour**: Guitar duo CD with **Ben Woods** (USA) and an annually returning European tour; two virtuosos playing Metal on Spanish guitars. (video of “The Final Countdown” performed all over Europe: <https://youtu.be/WRSRdM2TypY>)

- **Nylon Maiden - Preserved in Time:** Thomas' most popular album. A double CD with 18 Iron Maiden songs arranged for Classical guitar. Features *Blaze Bayley*. (video for "Judgement Of Heaven" featuring Blaze: <https://youtu.be/OhXtnPZHOh0>)
- **Nylon Metal (2018):** Thomas' most recent release containing 28 songs! Virtuoso solo arrangements of songs by bands like *Iron Maiden, Judas Priest, Metallica, Dream Theater, Deep Purple, Led Zeppelin, KISS, David Bowie* and three original songs. Blaze Bayley is a guest on the album, as well as guitarist **Bruce Kulick** (KISS) who plays a guitar duo with Thomas on *Forever*. Watch here: <https://youtu.be/bNvqWMb587Y>

Along with his albums Thomas published two books; **Nylon Maiden** and **The Book Of Tabs**. These contain tablature and standard notation of Thomas' arrangements. Both books are accompanied by online video lessons for each song.

Due to a high demand for Thomas' guitar lessons he started a successful online guitar school called **King Of The Strings**. Two complete guitar methods (for beginners and advanced players) are especially developed for those who are interested in learning Thomas' style of guitar playing and are available at www.Kingofthestrings.com.

In April 2017 Thomas had the honour of presenting his **Signature Guitar** to the public at the **Frankfurt Musikmesse**. Thomas went to Spain to design this guitar in collaboration with his official endorser; **Ortega Guitars**. The TZSM (**Thomas Zwijsen Signature Model**) is available in instrument stores worldwide. In 2019 two new versions of the signature guitar will be released.

To support his releases Thomas has toured extensively in Europe, Asia, The Middle East and South America, playing **over 600 concerts** and guitar clinics in the past six years. Thomas will continue to do so in 2019 with solo shows, guitar clinics and masterclasses, a tour with Blaze Bayley and duo shows with violin player/singer *Wiktoria Krawczyk*.

All future and past tour dates can be found at <http://thomaszwijsen.com/tour.php>

A selection of Thomas Zwijsen's YouTube videos:

Wasted Years (Iron Maiden)	https://youtu.be/OGjT1NY5KBo
The Unforgiven (Metallica)	https://youtu.be/cPU3O663Nxl
Eagle Fly Free (Helloween)	https://youtu.be/eEL7o-q9KGc
Phantom Of The Opera (ft. Wiki Krawczyk)	https://youtu.be/udmtBne_0Pw
Lightning Strikes Twice (With Blaze Bayley)	https://youtu.be/9LPd5Ewcg3Q
Chop Suey! (System Of A Down)	https://youtu.be/Fs14Tcdz79w
The Ecstasy of Gold (Ennio Morricone)	https://youtu.be/6Q9IXCebjZc

Thomas Zwijsen live:

Live at "Hits On The Guitar Festival" Poland	https://youtu.be/pohX1FMch78
The Final Countdown (Guitar & Violin duo)	https://youtu.be/aF8mMHV1v-0
Afraid To Shoot Strangers (live in The Netherlands)	https://youtu.be/QDM0suXGiKE
Wasted Years (Master Guitar Tour)	https://youtu.be/cYoNI8kDGsQ
Live in Turkey ft. Blaze Bayley	https://youtu.be/LavkPyQqYbI
Fear Of The Dark (Live in Brazil)	https://youtu.be/53T9zWGi0c?t=100

Thomas Zwijsen with his signature guitar (photos by Robert Hucko):



The new Nylon Metal Double CD:



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Thomas Zwijsen live:

