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Over three decades Dan Evans has built a niche career as a world-class exponent on both the mountain (Appalachian) dulcimer and acoustic guitar. In concert he presents a repertoire of traditional folk songs and airs from the British Isles, imaginative and atmospheric original compositions and the occasional timeless classic. Acoustic Magazine affirms that “Dan works through an astonishing variety of tunes and soundscapes ... gifted with seemingly limitless imagination. It's all incredibly pure and all incredibly beautiful.”

Evans' compositions are all arranged in his unique, thoughtful style and presented with considerable classical skill and a spoonful of English humor. With five CD albums released to international critical acclaim and fifteen international tours to date, Evans has won the hearts of audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. Within Appalachia, where the mountain dulcimer originates, Jerry Rockwell and the Dulcimer Player's News says Evans produces “some of the most expressive dynamics I've ever heard on a mountain dulcimer--ever!”

Three main qualities define Dan Evans as an individually stylish and hugely accomplished musician: uncompromising originality, intelligent innovation and a constant striving for excellence. Often directly inspired by nature itself, Evans' music makes no attempt to emulate other artists nor to be confined to a single genre. Playing exclusively finger-style, he adopts a classical approach to British folk melodies, sometimes in medieval modes, often with jazzy chords and rhythms.

Unusually, Evans' dulcimers only have 3 strings and diatonic scales with no half-frets and are typically tuned to Ionian mode, commonly called DAA. His guitars are tuned to Open C tuning and to his own temperament, not to a chromatic tuner. These innovations, combined with subtle and highly musical use of programmable digital effects, allow Evans to create unique and rich signature sounds. His instruments are custom-made and hand-crafted by expert luthiers and his CD albums issued on his DanSing label, are made with the highest production values and are distributed globally by Divine Art Records, the sister company of Brandon Music.