



The Maritone Duo is a truly unique collaboration between Ukrainian born, classically trained guitar virtuoso Marina Alexandra and nationally recognized, formerly touring rock drummer Tony Lee.

Marina Alexandra began her guitar studies at the age of six. In 1998, she was awarded a scholarship and assistantship to continue her studies towards a Master of Music degree at the University of South Carolina. She has released two solo albums: *Timeless Enchantment* and *A Moment of Magic* and a joint CD with the group *Duo de Vista*. Her CDs have been highly praised by critics from *American Record Guide* and *Soundboard Guitar Magazine*.

Marina has served on the faculties of the University of South Carolina in Aiken, Furman University, Wingate University, and Columbia College. Mrs. Alexandra is a director and founder of the Guitar Muse Society and the Southern Guitar Festival and Competition, which promotes classical guitar awareness in the Midlands.

Tony Lee began his career in the smallest of towns in South Carolina's Pee Dee region, Floydale. After watching his first parade in Latta, SC at the age of 10, he knew he would be a drummer for the rest of his life. His passion led to membership in award winning marching bands, and eventually touring with the nationally signed rock band, *Treadmill Trackstar*. The day-to-day lessons Tony learned being on the road, as well as the experience of working with world class producers and engineers, were eye opening. Tony started playing jazz in Columbia in 2000 and has collaborated with several local jazz artists with his band, the *Tony Lee Group*.

Tony has studied with some of the most talented, inspiring teachers in the country -- Joe Morello, John Riley, Rick Dior, and Jim Hall. But most importantly, Tony has experienced the excitement from the other side of the teacher/student relationship as owner and operator of *Freeway Music* in Forest Acres.