

# **Matt Cowe**

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Cumbrian based UK musician Matt Cowe presents a new show featuring the music of 50's American country guitar legend Chet Atkins. The show also features special guest Becki Fishwick singing some classic country and swing tunes from the 50's.

Many musicians regard Chet Atkins as one of the greatest guitarists of all time and his musical impact was huge with stars like George Harrison and Mark Knopfler citing him as a major influence. Chet pioneered a style of guitar playing where the guitar plays the bass, rhythm and melody all at the same time which dumbfounded his contemporaries and to this day is still considered a very difficult style to master.

Matt has long been an aficionado of Chet's music and has studied it closely for the past ten years. He has recently returned from Nashville in the USA where he was invited to play at the prestigious annual Chet Atkins Appreciation Society Convention. This event gathers the best 'fingerpickers' from around the world every year and this year included such luminaries as Tommy Emmanuel, Richard Smith and Guy Van Duser who are all giants of the genre. Matt got to play three times on various stages at the event and was a great success. "It was like being in guitar heaven for four days and nights" he says.

Matt has a highly popular YouTube channel which now has over 1600 subscribers. The channel features Matt playing over 40 tunes from Chet's catalogue and has received nearly 600,000 views.

At each concert Matt plays a selection of instrumental tunes from his new CD "Matt Cowe Plays Chet Atkins" (available on Amazon) as well as various tunes from Chet's long career which spanned from the late 40's to the late 90's. Becki sings some classic Patsy Cline and Peggy Lee numbers amongst others. There is something for everyone!

Chet Atkins' music has a unique nostalgic charm, full of melody and virtuosic playing and Matt looks forward to sharing his passion for this today not often heard music. He shares the stage with a brilliant band comprising local musicians Steve Simpson on bass, Jack Davies on drums and Jon Moore on rhythm guitar.

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