

# Josh J. Searles

## Biography:

Josh J. Searles has spent a lifetime honing his craft across various genres and instruments. An acclaimed and award winning classical guitarist, composer, and DJ, Searles international performance career began at the young age of 15. He has performed classical guitar in solo concerts and chamber music, french horn in quartets, orchestra and concert band, as well as his more avant-garde music: live electronica utilizing outboard synthesizers, drum machines, samplers, computers and live instruments. His dynamic range has taken him across Canada, the US, the UK, and Spain, including collaborations with renowned Brazilian guitarist and percussionist Celso Machado.

Searles holds a Master's degree in classical guitar performance from the prestigious University of Alicante, where he studied under world-renowned virtuoso guitarists, including Grammy-winning David Russell, Manuel Barrueco, and Meng Su. In 2019 he was rewarded with the E.G. Montgomery award for excellence in performance by world class Cuban guitarist Alexander Dunn.

Appearing as *Ghost Orchid*, an electroacoustic act in where he blends guitar and electronica, Searles draws on decades of musical experience from his electronic projects *Daega Sound* and *Tamarak*, where he produced and remixed an impressive catalogue of original works released on international labels such as Muti Music, Interchill, and Deep Heads. His music has graced the stages of iconic festivals like Mutek, Shambhala, and Bass Coast. At the same time, multiple releases, including the Hatched EP, have reached the Top 10 charts on Beatport and Junodownload.

In addition to his prolific music career, Searles has contributed scores to films that have premiered at the Vancouver International Film Festival. His work has also been featured in award-winning shorts like Ana Valine's "A Love Poem," which won Best Experimental Film at Videobardo in Buenos Aires. His original compositions have also appeared in video productions and short films, such as Helen Haig-Brown's *Pel'sic* (Home Coming).

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