



John Porter

British guitarist and producer John Porter has recorded, produced, and played with everyone. He's won Grammys with B.B. King, Los Lonely Boys, Taj Mahal, and Keb' Mo'. He served as an auxiliary member of Roxy Music. He recorded and played guitar on every single by the Smiths. He collaborated extensively with the one and only Eric Clapton. Primarily a guitarist, Porter has acquired an insane collection of axes during his 40-year career. "I would always just bring a pile of guitars to a session," Porter laughs, "and let everyone use them all!" Here is a sampling of his best.



1992 Lacey

This handmade jazz guitar is finely detailed, with its pickup hovering over its body. "[Mark] Lacey is an English fellow in L.A.," Porter explains. "I used to hang out in Norm's Rare Guitars, and this Lacey guitar was always hanging on the wall between two D'Angelicos ... One day I was playing the D'Angelicos but then picked this Lacey up, and it was better than those D'Angelicos, which were probably \$30k-40k each. Of all the f-hole, carved-top guitars I own, I think this is the best." George Benson rented this guitar from Porter for recording. "I don't know why he didn't have his own guitar," says Porter.