

The Mezzacapo Mandolin Trio

Stuart McGowan, Roberto García, Steven Watson

The **Mezzacapo Mandolin Trio** is a unique ensemble of three experienced Classical Guitar & Mandolin players, all of them engaged in the composing, arranging, typesetting, performing and publishing of music for plucked strings.

Stuart has had a lifetime of experience with Guitar Ensembles, both in teaching, playing, composing and arranging, and is now concentrating on the Mandolin and its music. Typesetting for a specialist publisher of guitar music has given him insight and understanding of the nuances that can affect playing outcomes. Having previously developed repertoire and technique to accompany singers, flautists, and violinists he is now putting that to good use in being the upper voice in the ensemble.

Rob and Stuart have performed as a duo as well as playing in Mandolin Orchestras. **Rob's** studies on the Guitar have brought him to Mandola playing in an ensemble where that middle voice is such a rich and exciting musical component. And his Mandolin playing offers another layer of musical variety and choice of material. He has performed in the UK, Europe and China in a duo and as a soloist.

Steven is a guitarist, researcher and composer. He is currently pursuing a PhD on the history of playing guitar without nails at the International Guitar Research Centre (University of Surrey) and is also a member of Cambridge Cohort for Guitar Research. He has composed music for various musicians and written articles and reviews for several publications. His ensemble playing skills are the platform for the wonderful repertoire that we have.

Their unique repertoire and combination of instruments have brought them warm praise and delight from audiences.