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Gwyn Ashton has been hauling his beaten up National steel guitar around the world for over 20 years, opening for top-billing artists such as Van Morrison, Johnny Winter, Canned Heat and a multitude of other musicians, as well as headlining his own concerts from the UK to Australia, Russia and Europe and The Balkans.

He has been captured on film by ZDFTV (Germany), Czech National TV, Bulgarian TV on the Slavi Show and many other European networks at festivals, concerts and television shows across the continent. He has appeared at festivals in Brazil, Mexico, New Zealand and his native homeland of Australia (Gympie Muster, Thredbo Blues Festival, Goulbourn Blues, Wangaratta Jazz, Geetroit and others), opened for Status Quo at London's prestigious Wembley Arena and double-billed a festival in Marceilles with Robben Ford. He has released eight albums and two EPs and records and tours with some of the world's leading rock and blues musicians.

Recently recognised by his peers and inducted into the SA Music Hall of Fame, Ashton continues on his path as a world-class singer songwriter and guitarist. His recent acoustic world album *Ragas, Jugs & Mojo Hands* and electric EP *Live in Belgrade* both showcase Ashton's songwriting, blues, country and rock and roll sides, his slide guitar and vocal skills. For his solo appearances Ashton's arsenal of guitars includes National resonators, Asher Guitars hollow-neck lap slide and various other acoustic instruments.

Ashton has toured with / opened for BB King, Ray Charles, Buddy Guy, Mick Taylor, Rory Gallagher, Peter Green, Junior Wells, Johnny Winter, Canned Heat, Robin Trower, Jeff Healey, The Yardbirds, Status Quo, Magnum and many others. He has also recorded with Kim Wilson, Robbie Blunt, Chris Glen/Ted McKenna (SAHB, MSG), Don Airey (Deep Purple, Whitesnake, Rainbow, Black Sabbath, Ozzy Osbourne), Gerry McAvoy/Brendan O'Neill (Rory Gallagher). Ashton also replaced Thin Lizzy/Motorhead guitarist Brian Robertson fronting Band Of Friends - a celebration of the music of Rory Gallagher featuring his former bandmates Gerry, Brendan, Lou Martin and Mark Feltham.