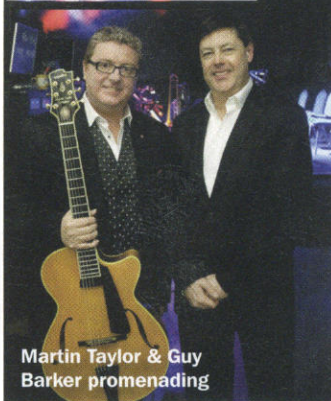


# RECORD COLLECTOR

## Talking heads

### Martin Taylor



Martin Taylor & Guy Barker promenading

Jazz virtuoso **Martin Taylor** plays his collaboration with **Guy Barker**, *Spirit Of Django*, at London's Royal Albert Hall for the BBC Proms, 31 August, and *RC* asked him what else is up? "I'm recording a duo album in Nashville with Tommy Emmanuel, and we have several shows in the US. At the Proms, I'll be performing with the Guy Barker Big Band, Britten Sinfonia, and *Spirit Of Django*, and we plan to record a CD soon."

**Is there anything still unreleased?**

Many boxes of tapes in my studio. I just don't have time to sift them. If I ever retire, I may listen to see if there's anything worth releasing. I also have the studio notes.

**Have you done anything fans may not know about?**

Quite a bit of library production music that finds its way onto TV commercials, and shows like *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

**Do you have any tapes from school bands?**

No, but Guy Barker has just found a tape of us playing in a youth band, 40 years ago. Fascinating listening. Lots of youthful exuberance and enthusiasm. It's a little rough, but I loved hearing it.

**Who would you like to cover one of your songs?**

Dolly Parton, True. She started to write lyrics for it, so I'd like her to finish them and record it with the A-Team of Nashville musicians.

**Of all the people you've worked with, who taught you the most?**

Ike Isaacs. He taught me how to be a musician, and how to approach life.

**Who would you most like to record with?**

Tony Bennett.