

## Jens Bender



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I'm a singer-songwriter, guitarist and drummer, born 1985 in Darmstadt (Germany).

I started to play drums when I was 12 years old. About a year after that I discovered my fascination with the guitar.

In the following years I had many different musical projects (punk, reggae, folk, rock, metal) where I played drums, guitar, bass or sang... well, at least learned to.

### Projects & Influences

Since 2008 I use alternate tunings and fingerstyle techniques on the acoustic guitar, inspired by guitarists like Andy McKee, Antoine Dufour, Erik Mongrain, Petteri Sariola or Jon Gomm, just to name a few.

Instrumental acoustic guitar pieces as well as groovy beats and reflective lyrics are part of my solo program. Combining modern acoustic guitar music with elements of Folk, Pop, (Progressive) Rock and Metal.

Since 2009 I play drums for the sludge/metal band Contraption (Darmstadt, Germany).

### Besides Music

I live with my wife and two year old son in Mainz, Germany. I have a MA in Egyptology and Philosophy and am nearly finished with my MA in Music Pedagogy. Also I work as an editorial assistant at delamar, a German online magazine for musicians and (home-) producers.

### Discography

*Delusion Of Grandeur* (EP), 2011

*Doubts* (Album), 2016

### Press

Interview for Guitar Club Magazine (Italy), October 2016 issue

Interview on Middle Tennessee Music (September 16<sup>th</sup> 2016)

Review of *Doubts* at [www.musikreviews.de](http://www.musikreviews.de) (German), 11/15 Points

Interview for Akustik Gitarre (Germany) in preparation

Interview in Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany), May 2016