

Mickey & Michelle Bios

**Short Grab:**

**NZ**

Mickey & Michelle are a harp and fiddle duo from Australia, who have brought their instruments with them as they hike the entirety of New Zealand's 3000km Te Araroa trail. Michelle's virtuosic Celtic skills blend seamlessly with Mickey's wild improvisations on their debut album 'A Walking Pace'.

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**Longer Bio**

Mickey & Michelle are a harp and fiddle duo from Australia who seamlessly blend contemporary folk and jazz together in a rich, unique style of their own. Their 2019 debut album 'A Walking Pace' perfectly showcases the duo's intricate sound and unusual combination of styles.

Michelle was born into an incredibly musical family and has been performing professionally from the age of 11. Since then she has gone on to perform with the likes of Paul Kelly, Shane Howard and Fiona Ross. Her compositions on this album are deeply rooted in Celtic music while also balancing her attention to detail and nuanced phrasing from her classical studies.

Mickey on the other hand developed such a passion for jazz and his playful improvisations are ever-present in his original compositions. He also takes great delight in reinterpreting traditional Americana tunes with jazz harmony and Afro-Cuban polyrhythms.

The dynamic duo have returned from their most challenging adventure yet; a 6 month tour on foot of NZ's 3000km 'Te Araroa' trail. Mickey & Michelle are excited to share their experiences and music in their home country.

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Links:

[www.mickeymichelle.com](http://www.mickeymichelle.com)

[www.instagram.com/mickeyandmichelle](https://www.instagram.com/mickeyandmichelle)

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## **Workshop Bios**

1. Learn a contemporary fiddle tune: Mickey & Michelle teach one of their beautiful fiddle tunes and show how to add some modern colours through the use of chord substitutions, extended harmony, polyrhythms and modal interchange. All instruments, ages and abilities welcome.
2. Combining Music and Hiking: Mickey & Michelle talk about their 3000km tour of NZ on foot. The duo share stories and music from their 6 month adventure discussing: logistics, navigation, mental/physical health, osteoporosis awareness campaign, trail stories and much more. (Note: We have performed this as a themed concert. If you'd like us to do this then we'd need a projector and screen)
3. Jazz violin: Michael O'Donnell runs a hands on jazz workshop for all instruments and abilities. He has a limitless collection of improvisation exercises to get beginners started and then continues embellishing them until you are experimenting with modal interchange, chord extensions, enclosures and tritone substitutions.

## **Kids Workshops**

Kids intro to Jazz:

Mickey O'Donnell gets kids up and swinging with the Intro to Jazz workshop. Using Disney classics from Toy Story, Frozen and The Jungle Book, he teaches the swing feel, the backbeat and scatting! "Big Kids" are welcome too.