

## Ruth Lenz

Ruth Lenz (nee Ebdon) has been described as, "A fine guitarist, well equipped both in terms of technical facility and musical awareness." Originally from Mt. Isa, Queensland, she moved to Western Australia and began learning the guitar at a very young age with guitarist Tim Andrew. During her early studies, Ruth won several first prizes in eisteddfods and competitions and appeared on National Television as a solo artist.

Ruth started her studies at the University of Western Australia with influential teacher John Casey. During and after her studies she played in numerous concerts and built up a fine reputation as both a soloist and chamber musician.

To further her postgraduate studies, Ruth received a Churchill Fellowship to study in London with guitarist Richard Wright. Three years later she was invited to return to the United Kingdom and travelled to Wales to collaborate with other musicians and undertake further study with guitarist John Mills at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. During her studies, Ruth participated in various summer schools and master classes.

As part of Duo Lenz, Ruth and her husband Richard have established themselves as one of Australia's leading classical guitar duos and have given recitals worldwide. Duo Lenz has been invited to play for many prestigious events and festivals and their performance schedule has been extensive. Together they have made television appearances and receive extensive radio airplay.

Ruth maintains a busy performance and tuition schedule and is much in demand as an adjudicator. She has also worked as an examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (DoE, WA) and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (Edith Cowan University).