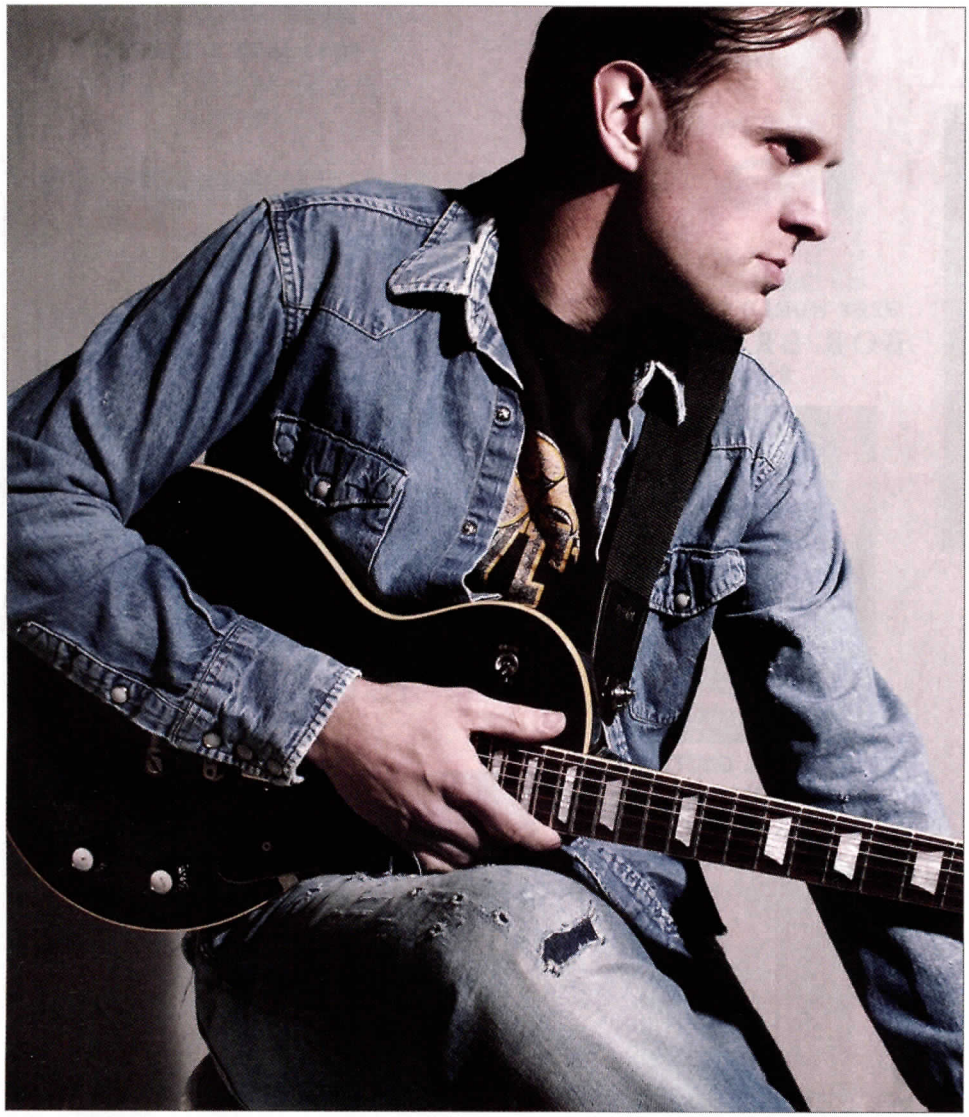
THE GUITAR PLAYER ★★★ 2010 ★★★ READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

ONCE AGAIN, *GP* HAS POLLED ITS COMMUNITY OF READERS AND GUITAR FANS TO solicit votes for the "best" guitarists in all styles. For the 2010 poll, we received perhaps more ballots than ever before—likely due to the fact that this is the first time we've fully utilized Facebook and Twitter posts to drive voters to the main polling page at guitarplayer.com. While there's always controversy as to whether any guitarist can truly be the "best"—Carlos Santana, for example, is a zealous proponent of the belief that music is not a competition—it's still a thrill to invite our readers to honor the players from which they derive the most inspiration and joy. So, here they are—the guitarists *you* selected as the "toppermost of the poppermost" (to quote John Lennon). Congrats to all the winners!



BEST OVERALL GUITARIST
BEST BLUES GUITARIST

★ ★ ★ JOE BONAMASSA ★ ★ ★

DANNY GATTON ULTIMATELY BECAME MY QUASI-MENTOR AND GUITAR TEACHER FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF HIS LIFE. FOR A WHILE THERE I WAS LIKE THE MINI-ME VERSION OF DANNY. I HAD A TELE, I WAS PUDGY, I SLICKED BACK MY HAIR. THE COOLEST STORY IS THIS: I'M SITTING IN HIS WINNEBAGO,

Interact!

JOIN THE *GP* COMMUNITY!

SOUND OFF! GET EXCLUSIVE NEWS. COMMENT. CRITIQUE. PROMOTE YOUR BAND AND MUSIC. SHARE TIPS AND TECHNIQUES. SUBSCRIBE TO OUR eNEWSLETTERS.

GuitarPlayer

FACEBOOK.COM/GUITARPLAYERMAG
MYSPACE.COM/GUITARPLAYERMAG
TWITTER.COM/GUITARPLAYERNOW
GUITARPLAYER.COM/COMMUNITY

MICHAEL MOLENDA, Editor In Chief
mmolenda@musicplayer.com

ART THOMPSON, Senior Editor
athompson@musicplayer.com

MATT BLACKETT, Associate Editor
mblackett@musicplayer.com

BARRY CLEVELAND, Associate Editor
bcleveland@musicplayer.com

KEVIN OWENS, Managing Editor
kowens@musicplayer.com

PAUL HAGGARD, Art Director
phaggard@musicplayer.com

DAMIEN CASTANEDA, Assist. Art Director
dcastaneda@musicplayer.com

WHICH IS PARKED OUTSIDE THE CAT CLUB IN NEW YORK CITY. HE SAID, "C'MON KID, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A GUITAR LESSON." I LOVED HIS BUTTERSCOTCH '53 TELECASTER. IT WAS PERFECTLY WORN AN