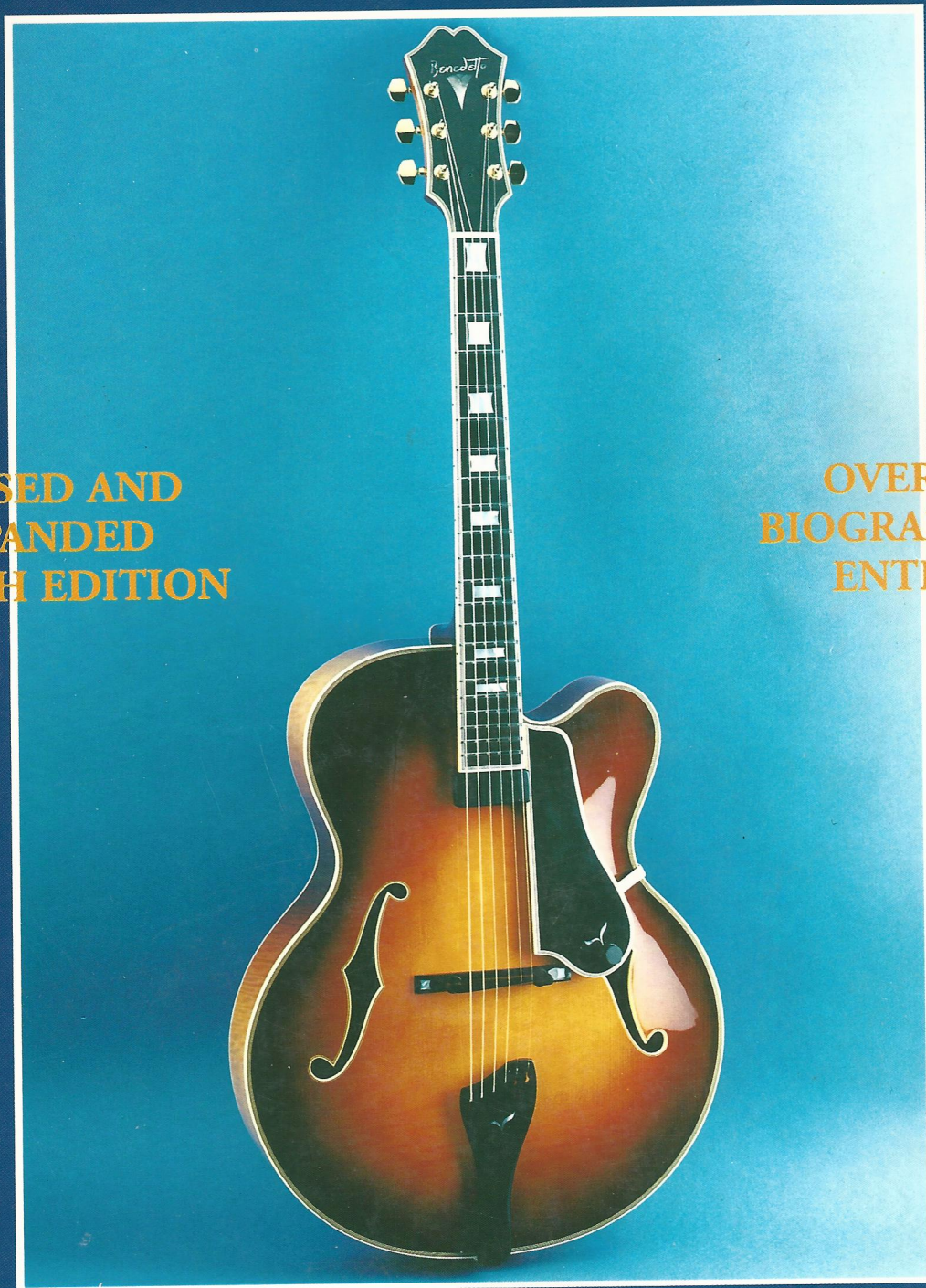


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Jim Lichens

Born-Yreka, California, USA

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Neil Janssen and Jim Lichens work as a jazz guitar duo called SOLO FLIGHT. Based in Eugene, Oregon their club work and recently released CD have won wide critical acclaim.

Neil Janssen plays the lead guitar over Lichens rhythm backing. Janssen's began to play the guitar at the age of nine. His first musical interest was in the guitar playing of Chet Atkins, Duane Edwards and Nokie Edwards of The Ventures. Over the years he changed over to jazz and cites Howard Roberts and Kenny Burrell as his main influences. He currently combines his music career in the SOLO FLIGHT duo with a daytime career as a draughtsman.

Jim Lichens early influences were also rock and country guitar players including Jimi Hendrix, Freddie King and Nokie Edwards. Like Janssen his interest soon turned to jazz and he cites many jazz guitarists as important influences including Charlie Christian, Wes Montgomery, Howard Roberts, Jim Hall and Barry Galbraith.



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