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## Graduation is music to his ears

Jazz musician Joshua Dunn will graduate with a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours tomorrow night.

But the guitarist will have to be quick about it, because his band will be performing at all of the Hobart graduation ceremonies, including his own.

Joshua, 21, is part of jazz trio Gadge (pronounced gad-gee). It is a Roma term for white people playing what was once termed “gypsy music”.

Gadge member Oscar Neyland plays double bass and graduated from UTAS with a Bachelor of Music in 2011. Harry Edwards plays guitar and he is in his final year of study at the UTAS Conservatorium of Music.

Joshua, who has played jazz guitar for about seven years, wrote his Honours thesis on the music of Django Reinhardt, one of the world’s most popular jazz guitarists.

“Reinhardt was the first major jazz artist out of Europe - he invented a technique called ‘hot’ jazz guitar.

“My thesis looked at the way Reinhardt’s music has been interpreted by modern musicians.”

Joshua has always wanted to play music and wants to pursue it as a career.

He enjoyed his studies at the Conservatorium.

“I was given the opportunity to start at my Bachelor degree in 2007 when I was 15, as part of the Conservatorium's Prelude Program - which is an excellent program that allows students to begin tertiary music studies as part of their college subjects,” he said.

“There is such a great community of young people surrounding the Conservatorium who really appreciate different styles of music.”

Joshua said he is now going to take time off soon to see some music overseas and perhaps study abroad too.

**Media opportunity:** Gadge will be performing during the 1pm graduation ceremony on Saturday 11 August, in the Stanley Burbury theatre, UTAS

Sandy Bay campus. Their performance will commence at about 1.15pm. The musicians will be available for interview after their performance, (approximately 1.30pm) at the front of the building (car park side).

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