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**Internationally Acclaimed Guitarist Marcin Arrives in Shillong, Set to Perform and
Engage with Local Talent**

Shillong, August 11, 2026: Internationally acclaimed Polish guitarist, composer, and producer **Marcin Patrzalek** has arrived in Shillong ahead of the Meghalaya leg of his **Marcin, Art of Guitar Tour 2026**, with the highly anticipated concert scheduled for **August 12, 2026, at the Lariti Performing Centre, Mawkasiang, Shillong.**



Speaking about his arrival in Meghalaya and his first impressions of the State, Marcin expressed his fascination with the region's natural beauty and distinct character. Sharing about his journey to Shillong



he noted, *"Even on the drive here, just from the airport, I just couldn't stop taking videos on my phone through the window, just because of the nature, how exotic it is for me. So, I kind of feel like I'm in a different world right now."*

Marcin also spoke about the energy of Indian audiences and the unique experience of performing his niche, percussive instrumental style before deeply engaged crowds. He expressed hope that his visit to Meghalaya would contribute to opening more international touring routes for musical artists and create greater opportunities for cultural and musical exchange.

As part of his engagement with Meghalaya's vibrant music ecosystem, Marcin will participate in **organic jam sessions and interactive workshops with local students, buskers and emerging artists** under the **Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Program (CM-MGMP)**. He commended the State's initiative for creating a natural and authentic platform where young musicians can learn, collaborate and experiment across musical styles.



In a way to promote local talent, the show will feature opening acts by **CM-MGMP's Achiever of the Month – Music Edition, Chegim Durama (Garo Hills) along with Leo Boys (Khasi Hills) and Larger Than 90 (Jaintia Hills)** for Marcin. This exciting on-stage collaboration marks the visionary leadership of **Shri Conrad K. Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya**, where he reiterated that the *musical talent present in the State should be recognised across the world*. Alongside, various other MGMP band members and artists will also be performing during the event.

Shillong, widely celebrated for its deep-rooted musical culture, has long been recognised as a city where music forms an integral part of everyday life. Meghalaya is not only known as the “*abode of clouds*” but also as the “*land of guitars*”, with its thriving community of musicians, bands, choirs, independent artists and performers contributing to its distinctive cultural identity.

The visit and performance have been made possible through the partnership of **Shri Conrad K. Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya**, the **Department of Tourism, Government of Meghalaya**, and the **CM-MGMP**, strengthening the State's efforts to connect its vibrant local music ecosystem with global artistic talent.

Notably, **CM-MGMP** has also been creating viable employment opportunities for local musicians by facilitating **busking gigs across various tourist destinations in the State**, enabling artists to earn livelihoods while contributing to Meghalaya's tourism and cultural experience.

Looking towards the future of India's live music ecosystem, the initiative also seeks to contribute to the development of a robust touring market over the coming decade, one capable of attracting peak-career global artists while encouraging Indian musicians and emerging talent to aspire to and participate in the global music landscape.

Hosting an international artist of Marcin's calibre aligns with Meghalaya's broader vision of **strengthening its creative economy and fostering global cultural exchange**. Such engagements create opportunities for local artists to interact with international practitioners, while positioning Shillong as a destination where music, culture and tourism converge.

Known for his distinctive fusion of **fingerstyle and percussive guitar techniques with contemporary electronic and orchestral production**, Marcin has developed a globally recognised musical identity. His Shillong performance is expected to offer audiences an evening of innovative instrumental music while further reinforcing the city's reputation as one of India's vibrant live-music destinations.

Through initiatives such as the **CM-MGMP** and international cultural collaborations, **Meghalaya continues to build bridges between local talent and global opportunity**, strengthening its position as a thriving hub for music, arts and the creative economy.

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