

The Guitar Garden

Newsletter of the New Jersey Classical Guitar Society

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September Meeting

Gad Berger will host a Zoom meeting at 4:00 p.m. (eastern time) on Sunday, October 15. Watch for a reminder and instructions on how to join in an e-mail a few days before the meeting. J

Other Meetings

We had an in-person meeting in Hopewell on September 10, and a Zoom meeting, hosted by Steve Walters, on September 17. At each meeting, only one person signed up to perform, but a half dozen or more showed up to listen and perhaps present an impromptu performance. A good time was had by all.

As we start a new season, NJCGS finds itself adapting to very different conditions than those prevailing before or during the Covid 19 pandemic. We're still seeing interest in the Society and our meetings but, possibly for a variety of reasons, fewer performers are stepping up to take the stage. Also, we do not currently have the same number of people (such as Fred Dilzell) on whom we counted for many years to regularly open their homes for meetings every two or three months. We sometimes use more public venues, but that can be awkward if we're short on performers.

We are planning an in-person meeting in Randolph (near Morristown) in November. At this point, we do not have plans for in-person meetings in October or December. That's not to say that we plan on skipping those months, but only that no one is currently lined up to host. Please let us know if you would be willing to fill the gap for either month. We're particularly looking for hosts in the northeast parts of the state, somewhere roughly near the eastern end of Interstates 78 or 80, which is most convenient for the greatest concentration of our members. Attendance usually is between six and twelve people, but could be more or (most likely) fewer. J

Upcoming Events

Aaron Larget-Caplan 'Eclectic Series' solo recital: "Dances, Dreams, and Legends" at Bargemusic

Music by: Albéniz, Bach, Jobim, Marquina, and New York Premieres by Alan Hovhaness, Stephanie Anne Boyd, Dennis Báthory-Kitsz, Kevin Siegfried, and Larget-Caplan.



Aaron Larget-Caplan is an internationally acclaimed guitarist and composer known for his virtuosity and passion for expanding the boundaries of classical guitar music. His ten albums have earned over 5-million streams since 2021, and he has received numerous awards and accolades for his groundbreaking projects and performances, making him a prominent figure in the contemporary and classical music scene.

Bargemusic, moored at the scenic Fulton Ferry Landing under the iconic Brooklyn Bridge, is a unique floating concert venue offering exceptional performances and breathtaking views of the Manhattan skyline. The venue is renowned for its

commitment to bringing world-class music to the heart of New York City.

Friday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$35

Bargemusic, Fulton Ferry Landing, Brooklyn Bridge Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11201

Aaron has a limited number of discounted tickets to set aside for NJCGS members. If interested, please contact him at: info@alcguitar.com

More Information:

<http://alcguitar.com/blog/bargemusicreturn/>

Connecticut Guitar Guild 2023 Guitar Festival



The Connecticut Guitar Guild is proud to present its first guitar festival! This one-day event on Sunday, October 15, will be full of classes, workshops and performances. Classes and workshops will take place at *Company N' Tempo* in Cromwell, Connecticut. After morning and afternoon classes, the festival will break for dinner and conclude at the First Congregational Church in Cromwell for the evening concert. The concert will have both participants and faculty. All participants

under the age of 18 can have a guardian with them at no additional cost.

Day pass - \$75

- All day access to all classes and workshops.
- Free admission to the evening concerts.
- An opportunity to play in the masterclass.
- An invitation to play at the evening concerts.

Evening concert - \$10

The evening concert is free to all participants. Non participants are welcome to come with a suggested donation of \$10. Audience members under 12 are free.

More Information:

<https://www.connecticutguitarguild.com/> J

Philadelphia Guitar Society presents the Beijing Duo



The Beijing Guitar Duo's performances and recordings have impressed the public with "an ability and artistry that exceeds their years." Their debut CD Maracaípe, received a Latin-GRAMMY nomination for the titled piece, which was dedicated to them by renowned guitarist/composer Sergio Assad. A recording in trio, China West, with Maestro Barrueco was released in May 2014.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S 21st St. Philadelphia PA 19103, US
Sunday, October 22 2023, 4:00 p.m.

More Information:

<https://www.phillyguitar.org/events/#!event/2023/10/22/beijing-duo> J