

The Guitar Garden

Newsletter of the New Jersey Classical Guitar Society

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Robert Ey, Editor

October Meetings

Our in-person meeting this month will be on Saturday, October 12, at the Morris County Library in Whippany from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Note that we're meeting at an unusual (for us) day and time, since the space is available only when the Library is open. Thanks to Marsha Rohe and Library Director Darren O'Neill for organizing.

Our Zoom meeting will be on Sunday, October 20, at 4:00 p.m. (eastern time). Thanks to Rick Florio for hosting.

As usual, please watch for a Reminder with directions or instructions on joining the meeting a few days before each meeting



Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Ave, Whippany, NJ 07981. ↓

October Concerts

The Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society presents Marko Topchii, 2023 GFA First Prize Award Winner

Sunday October 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Settlement Music School
416 Queen Street – Philadelphia, PA 19146
Admission: General \$30; Senior (65+) \$20;
Student 13 years to 25 years old (School ID required) \$10

Marko Topchii was born into a family of musicians in Kiev, Ukraine and started studying guitar at the age of four. He is 26 years old and is currently pursuing a doctorate

degree at the Tchaikovsky National Academy of Music in Kiev under the guidance of Prof. Yuri Alexik, Honored Artist of Ukraine. He completed his master degree in the National University of Arts in Kharkov in 2011, where he studied under Prof. Volodymir Dotsenko, Honored Artist of Ukraine. Marko Topchii has won more than 80 awards worldwide in the international guitar competitions in the professional category.



More Information: <https://www.phillyguitar.org/events/#!event/2024/10/6/marko-topchii-2023-gfa-winner>

New York City Classical Guitar Society Concerts

Hao Yang

Friday, October 4, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Tenri Cultural Institute
43A West 13th Street, New York City
Tickets: General, \$33.85; \$23.18,
senior/student/NYCCGS member

Please join us for Hao Yang! The superb young Chinese artist, playing with extraordinary assurance and expressive force, prizewinner in multiple prestigious competitions and already a veteran of major international venues and festivals.



A Celebration Concert for John Olson

Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.
Allen-Stevenson School
132 East 78th Street, New York, NY 10075-0381
Tickets: Members & General Admission, \$44.52;
\$65.87, VIP Reserved Seating

Join us to commemorate 17 Years of John Olson's Presidency with the NYC Classical Guitar Society. Concert and reception to follow. Performers will include Gohar Vardanyan, Frederick Hand, Rupert Boyd, Benjamin Verdery, João Luiz, and Nicoletta Todesco conducting the NYC Guitar Orchestra.



More Information: <https://www.nyccgs.com/concerts>

The Brooklyn Classical Guitar Society Presents Kevin Loh

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Soapbox Gallery, 636 Dean Street Brooklyn, NY
11238
Tickets: Members, \$23.18; Non-Members, \$33.85

Kevin stands as a distinguished artist, having achieved the esteemed Fellowship of the Royal Schools of Music, alongside the 2018 Goh Soon Tioe Centenary Award and the 2010 HSBC Youth Excellence Award for his musical achievements. In 2023, Kevin earned multiple accolades, including 1st prizes at the XXII Concurso Internacional de Guitarra José Tomás Villa de Petrer, the Josefina P. Tuason International Guitar Competition, and the Boston GuitarFest. Most notably, he secured 2nd place at the 2023 Guitar Foundation of America International Concert Artist Competition, arguably the most prestigious classical guitar competition in the world.



More Information: <https://www.bkcgs.org/upcoming-events>

Morris County Library Concerts

MCL Fall Concerts

Listen and Lunch

Please join us this October for midday music recitals in the back of our Readers Services area. **Performances will be held from 12:15-12:45 PM.** Attendance is free of charge and seating is first come, first served. Bring your lunch and enjoy some great music while you eat!

Wednesday, October 2

Soprano, Aleksandra Durin, and guitarist, Darren O'Neill, will perform music of Benjamin Britten, Richard Charlton, Paul Bowles, and Bryan Johanson.

Wednesday, October 16

Classical guitarists, David Rogers and Darren O'Neill, will perform a South American program featuring music of Rene Bartoli, Erik Marchelic, and Celso Machado.

Wednesday, October 30

Virtuoso marimbist, Greg Giannascoli, will perform a program of music by George Gershwin accompanied by pianist, Ron Stabinsky.



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Could you please pass along to NJ Guitar Society members that I'll be hosting and performing in some midday concerts at Morris County Library during the month of October.

The performances featuring guitar are as follows:

- Wednesday 10/2 - Soprano, Aleksandra Durin, and guitarist, Darren O'Neill, will perform music of Benjamin Britten, Richard Charlton, Paul Bowles, and Bryan Johanson.
- Wednesday 10/16 - Classical guitarists, David Rogers and Darren O'Neill, will perform a South American program featuring music of Rene Bartoli, Erik Marchelie, and Celso Machado.

There is a third concert on Wednesday 10/30. Virtuoso marimbist Greg Giannascoli, will perform a program of music by George Gershwin accompanied by pianist Ron Stabinsky.

The intention is for the audience to Listen & Lunch. Feel free to bring your lunch and enjoy some great music while you eat! Performances will run from 12:15-12:45 PM and will take place in the back of our Readers Services area. Attendance is free and seating is first come, first seated.

<https://www.mclib.info/Events/Adults/2024-Fall-Lunchtime-Concerts>

Many thanks.
Darren O'Neill

LSM Artist Series Concert, Weiwei Zhai, piano & José Maldonado, guitar

Weiwei Zhai, piano & José Maldonado, guitar
Lindeblad School of Music Showroom
Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/C66OUZXqANQ>

Friday, October 11th, 2024, 7:00pm

Free Admission (donation for artist welcome!)

Lindeblad School of Music proudly presents the Piano and Guitar Duo "Weiwei & José" as part of its Artist Concert Series. This captivating program will feature a mix of beloved classics and diverse folk traditions, including the works of Bach, Giuliani, Ponce, as well as Chinese and Puerto Rican folk songs

About the Artists: Weiwei & José are an exciting classical duo, combining the talents of pianist Dr. Weiwei Zhai and guitarist Dr. José Maldonado. Together, they create a vibrant fusion of Chinese folk music, Latin rhythms, and classical masterpieces. This unique blend highlights their versatility and passion for connecting diverse musical traditions.

Join Weiwei & José for an unforgettable performance, where their love for teaching and performing comes to life! They are accomplished musicians based in NYC and inspire audiences of all ages with their infectious energy and dedication to education. Perfect for families, this is an event everyone can enjoy.

About the Program: The evening will include a wide array of works for piano and guitar, including a special arrangement of Bach's Trio Sonata No. 5 in C Major, BWV 529, Manuel María Ponce's Preludium, the evocative Boatman Song by Chinese composer Liu Qing, and a few significant works from the 19th century.

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September 15 Fall Picnic in Hopewell

Program

Valerie Nelson

- Canon in D – Joann Pachelbel
- Study – Fernando Sor

Duo Migliorare (Rick Florio and Valerie Nelson)

- Drifting – Richard Charlton
- Minuetto I & II – Giovanni Battista Marella

Rick Florio

- Chôro No. 1 – Heitor Villa-Lobos

Robert Ey

- Mountains and Valleys – Angela Mair
- Nowhere – “”

Jeff Griesemer

- Holy Manna – William Moore, arr. Jeff Griesemer

Gary Lee

- Prelude – J.S. Bach
- Leslie’s Song – Frederic Hand
- Cooper Lake – “” J



September 22 Zoom Meeting

Program

Shane McKeivitt

- Hymne à l'amour – Édith Piaf, arr. Roland Dyens

Gary Lee

- Canción del Emperador – Luis de Narváez

This meeting was hosted by Steve Walters. The cost of using Zoom in 2024 is covered by generous contributions from Ming Chao, Dana Hamilton, Rick Florio, Jeffrey Wilt, Jeff Griesemer, Valerie Nelson, Robert Ey, Gad Berger, Dave Starbuck, Steve Walters, Gary Lee, and Shane McKeivitt.

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