

# The Guitar Garden

Newsletter of the New Jersey Classical Guitar Society

October 2025

Robert Ey, Editor

## October Meetings

Shane McKeivitt will host our Zoom Meeting **THIS SUNDAY, October 5, at 4:00 p.m.** (eastern time).

Our on-site meeting this month will be on **Saturday, October 11**, at the Morris County Library in Whippany from **2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Thanks to Library Director Darren O'Neill and the library staff for hosting, and to Marsha Rohe for organizing.

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



## October Concerts and Events

### Ensemble Skills for the Solo Guitarist with Michael Newman and Laura Oltman

Zoom Meeting, Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.

*Join us for a special member meeting with Michael Newman and Laura Oltman as they demystify ensemble skills for the solo guitarist. Learn how these essential collaborative techniques can profoundly enhance your individual playing and musicality.*

*Afterwards, join the NYC Classical Guitar Society's open mic to hear fellow members perform for a supportive community, and connect with fellow classical guitar enthusiasts from around the globe.*

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

### The Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society Presents Douglas Lora

#### Master Class

Rock Hall Auditorium, Temple University  
Friday Oct. 3, 2025, 1:00 p.m.  
1715 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19122

*Free to audience; selected performers \$75*



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## Concert in Doylestown

Saturday Oct. 4, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.  
Salem United Church of Christ  
186 East Court Street – Doylestown PA 18901

## Concert in Philadelphia

Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m.  
Settlement Music School  
416 Queen St. Philadelphia, PA 19146

Concert Tickets: General \$30; Senior \$20; Student (13 years to 25 years old (School ID required) \$10

*Three-time Grammy nominee guitarist and composer Douglas Lora transits with versatility through the universes of Classical and Popular Music, and has established himself as one of the most prominent artists of his generation.*

**More Information:** <https://www.phillyguitar.org/>



## Lindeblad School of Music Book Release Presentation

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Lindeblad School of Music  
101 US Highway 46, Pine Brook, NJ 07058

*One of our guitar faculty, Mr. Craig Graham has written two wonderful books on modern guitar: "All About Chords" and "All About Scales and Arpeggios." We are hosting a book release event and demonstration on Oct 9 at 6:30PM at Lindeblad. Craig will talk about his books and present musical numbers to demonstrate. In all this will make a wonderful evening of music and guitar talk! The event is free to the public and we would love to have you and any members of the society that want to take advantage! Please let me know if you have any questions.*

Sincerely,  
Alex Valencia  
Director of Program Development , Guitar Department Chair  
Lindeblad School of Music  
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## University of Rhode Island 10th Annual Guitar & Mandolin Festival

*The University of Rhode Island proudly presents the 10th Annual Guitar & Mandolin Festival, taking place October 19–26, 2025. This week-long event brings internationally acclaimed artists to Southern Rhode Island for an immersive celebration of plucked strings. Highlights include concerts, masterclasses, lectures, workshops, a composer-in-residence program, luthier expo, youth guitar program, and three divisions of performance competitions offering over \$12,000 in prizes. Artists with New Jersey connections include Dr. Celil Refik Kaya, Amanda Kaya, and Garret Lee.*

**More Information:** <https://www.urigmfest.org/>

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# Craig Grahams'

# Book Release Event

**TWO BOOKS!**

All About Chords

All About Scales and Arpeggios



**The two books together offer a full modern music theory curriculum.**

**The information in these two books allow the musician to make choices and expand their musical vocabulary.**

Do you have questions about chords?

Have you ever wondered what a C7 ♭ 5 is? or how to make a blues scale

**Come to the workshop and ask questions!**

- Construction of scales.
- Scale practice tips.
- Finding the correct chord scales for each chord. Exploring modes, techniques, rhythmic and melodic motives and more.
- Theory on the 5 triads.
- Enhancing a chord by adding extensions, substitutions, inversions, experiment with voicings and more.
- Exploring improvisational techniques and composing ideas.

**Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm**

## Workshop and Demonstration

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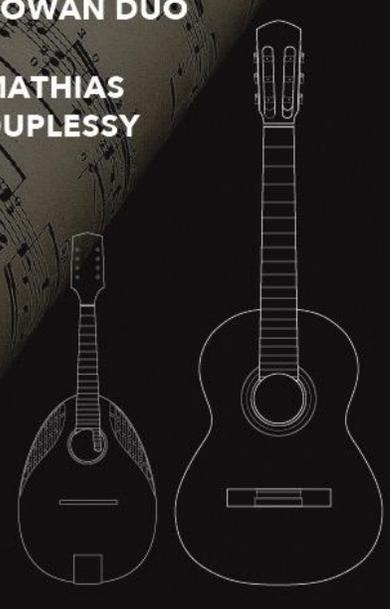
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## The Brooklyn Classical Guitar Society Presents CC Duo in Concert

Thursday, October 30, 6:30 – 9 p.m.  
Christ Church, Cobble Hill  
326 Clinton Street Brooklyn, NY 11231  
Tickets: \$44.52

*Join us for an evening of classical guitar with the award-winning CC Duo from Canada. Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan, CC Duo, have set a benchmark in the classical guitar world with their award-winning recordings, major orchestral commissions and competition performances. The duo is an established force in contemporary guitar music.*



**More Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cc-duo-in-concert-tickets-1631848826769?aff=oddtcreator> ↓

## September 21 Zoom Meeting



## Program

### Duo Migliorare (Rick Florio and Valerie Nelson)

- Minuets – J.B. Marella
- In Her Family – Pat Metheny

*This meeting was hosted by Rick Florio. The cost of using Zoom in 2025 is covered by generous contributions from Ming Chao, Dana Hamilton, Rick Florio, Jeffrey Wilt, Gary Lee and Candace Wang, Jeff Griesemer, Valerie Nelson, Robert Ey, Gad Berger, Dave Starbuck, Steve Walters, and Shane McKeivitt. ↓*

# September 28 Fall Picnic Program

## Duo Migliorare (Rick Florio and Valerie Nelson)

- Willow – Andrew York
- Why – Andrew York
- Spider Dance – Andrew York

## Robert Ey

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

## Jeff Griesemer

- Holy Manna – William Moore, arr. Jeff Griesemer
- Let Us Break Bread Together – African-American Spiritual, arr. Jeff Griesemer

## Rick Florio

- Siciliana, Op. 33, No. 3 – Fernando Sor
- Andantino Alla Siciliana Op. 78, No. 2 – Mauro Giuliani ♪

