

# The Guitar Garden

Newsletter of the New Jersey Classical Guitar Society

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## January Meetings

We will start 2026 with the **Annual Lasagna Meeting on January 18 at 4:00 p.m.** in Hopewell.

The Lasagna Meeting is a potluck: we'll provide the lasagna, but please bring something to share, such as a side dish, salad, drinks, dessert, or the like. We will try to start promptly at 4:00 so that everyone will have a chance to perform before breaking for dinner around 6:00. This is an NJCGS tradition going back many years, with the lasagna bringing some warmth to a usually very cold time of the year. But we still have the same performances and conversation as we would at any other meeting, so please don't be shy about coming if you haven't come to a meeting before or recently.

Shane McKeivitt will host our **Zoom Meeting on Sunday, January 25** at 4:00 p.m.. (eastern time).

We're pleased to report that all our previous Zoom sponsors have renewed for 2026, and we have

## January Concerts

### The New York City Classical Guitar Society, presents Ziggy and Miles, Guitar Duo

Friday, January 9, 2026 at 7:30 PM  
Holy Trinity Lutheran - Main Entrance  
W 65th St. & Central Park West, Manhattan 10023  
General admission: \$44.52  
Senior/student/NYCCGS member: \$33.85

*The brothers Johnston guitar duo, emerging Australian stars and 2023 Young Concert Artist winners, in standout interpretations of Debussy, Spanish classics, and works by contemporary Australian and South American masters.*

*"Beautiful attention to dynamics ... the duo plays with perfect unanimity and admirable virtuosity." – Al Kunze, Soundboard*

**More Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ziggy-and-miles-guitar-duo-tickets-1489942641549?aff=oddtcreator>

added a new one. Accordingly, the cost of each sponsor's individual share has decreased. 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, Shane McKeivitt, and Marsha Rohe.

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

## Alice Artzt

Alice wrote with the sad news that she suffered a broken sacrum in a slip and fall accident, and had to undergo surgery. Friends, fans, students, and other well-wishers who would like to reach out to Alice can write her at 51 Hawthorne Ave., Princeton, NJ 08540, or call 609 921 6629 (as listed in the NJCGS Teacher Directory). ♪



## The Brooklyn Guitar Society presents Gabriele Leite and Eduardo Gutterres

Saturday, January 24th 2026

Doors open at 6:30, music starts at 7pm

Christ Church of Cobble Hill

Tickets: \$40 General; \$30 for BKCGS Members

*Gabriele Leite and Eduardo Gutterres are multi-awarded Brazilian guitarists based in New York City since September 2021. Their concerts, entirely dedicated to Brazilian composers, include works written for two guitars, original compositions by Eduardo and Gabriele, as well as their own arrangements of iconic Brazilian pieces, such as Wave by Tom Jobim. Most recently, they were invited to perform at the United Nations during the 2025 General Assembly. In December 2024, they performed at Teatro Cultura Artística in São Paulo, one of Brazil's most prestigious venues, as part of the theater's reopening season following renovations after a 2009 fire. In September 2023, they won the Vienna International Classic Strings Competition (Chamber Music Category) in Austria.*



**More Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gabi-and-edu-duo-live-in-brooklyn-tickets-1977390561399?aff=oddtcreator>

## The Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society and Philadelphia Atheaneum Present Duo Silvio

Friday, January 9, 5:30 p.m.

The Atheaneum of Philadelphia

219 S. 6th Street – Philadelphia, PA 19106-3794

Tickets: Member \$25.00; Young Friend or Student \$10.00; non-member \$35.00

Sunday, January 1, 3:00 p.m.

Settlement Music School

416 Queen St. Philadelphia, PA 19146

Tickets: General \$30.00; Senior \$25.00; Student \$10.00 (13 years to 25 years old, School ID required)

*Duo Silvio was formed in 2019 to explore repertoire for two baroque lutes. Lutenist Richard Stone, co-founder and co-director of Tempesta di Mare, has performed in solo recitals worldwide. The New York Times has called his playing “beautiful” and “lustrously melancholy,” while the Washington Post described it as having “the energy of a rock solo and the craft of a classical cadenza.” Cameron Welke brings a passionate curiosity and a deep creative drive to all manner of historical plucked instruments and earned a M.M. in historical performance on lute and theorbo from the Peabody Conservatory, where he studied with Richard Stone.*



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

## The Philadelphia Classical Guitar Society, and the Zlock Performing Arts Center Present David Leisner

Saturday, January 31, 3:00 p.m.  
Zlock Performing Arts Center, Bucks County Community College  
275 Swamp Rd, Newtown, PA 18940 (free parking)  
Tickets: \$2.00 to \$27:00

Sunday, February 1, 3:00 p.m.  
Settlement Music School  
416 Queen St. Philadelphia, PA 19146  
Tickets: General \$30.00; Senior \$25.00; Student \$10.00  
(13 years to 25 years old, School ID required)

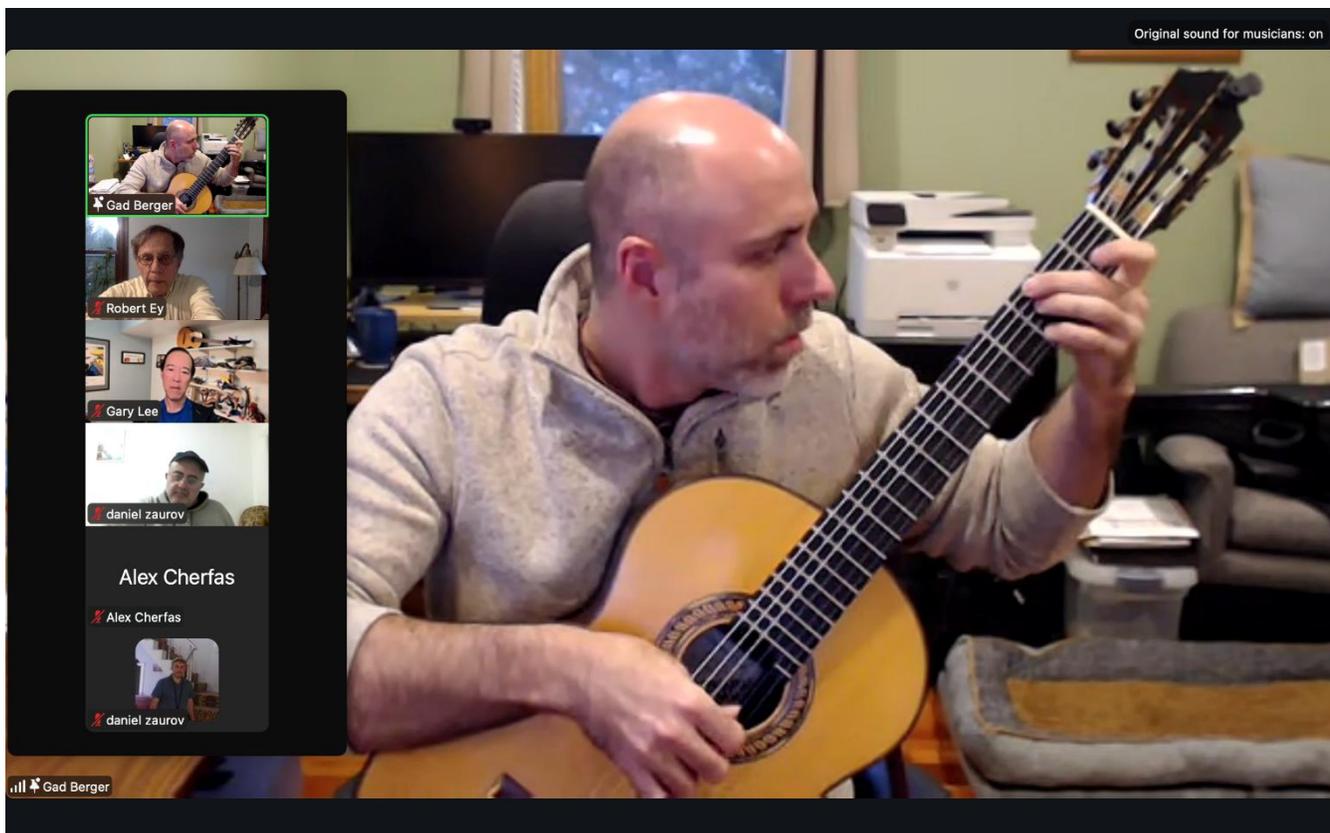
*David Leisner is an extraordinarily versatile musician with a multi-faceted career as an electrifying performing artist, a distinguished composer, and a master teacher.*

*"Among the finest guitarists of all time", according to American Record Guide, David Leisner's career began auspiciously with top prizes in both the 1975 Toronto and 1981 Geneva International Guitar Competitions.*



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## December 7 Zoom Meeting



# Program

## Gad Berger

- Liebeslied – J.K. Mertz

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**The meeting scheduled for December 28 at the Puddingstone Community Club was cancelled because of hazardous road conditions. ♪**