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Tickets on sale in August 2025 – See page 7 for order form or:

**For information on purchasing tickets by mail, phone, online, and in person, please visit:
<http://www.seattleguitar.org/ics.htm>**

Benaroya Hall Information:

The SCGS International Concert Series performances are held at [Benaroya Hall](#) (Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall) located at 200 University Street, Seattle, WA 98101-3428

“Music is a torch with which to see where beauty lies.” — Atahualpa Yupanqui

Dear Friends of the SCGS,

Hello summer! This spring, the SCGS concluded an incredible International Concert Series with a spectacular concert featuring the talented Paraguayan guitarist, Berta Rojas. Berta took us on a beautiful musical journey, showcasing the music of Agustín Pío Barrios.

The Seattle Classic Guitar Society is excited to announce another full season of concerts from exceptional artists from around the globe for the 2025-2026 [International Series](#)! The concerts will take place in the gorgeous [Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall](#) at Benaroya Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, with [master classes and workshops](#) open to all on the following Sunday at 10:00 am. Tickets will be available and on sale in August 2025. Please check the SCGS website, [seattleguitar.org](#), for more information.

Seattle Classic Guitar Society International Series 2025-2026

[Bokkyung Byun \(Korea\)](#)

Saturday, October 4, 2025

[Beijing Guitar Duo \(China\)](#)

Saturday, November 15, 2025

[David Russell \(Scotland/Spain\)](#)

Saturday, March 21, 2026

[A-Z Duo \(Aniello Desiderio, Zoran Dukic\) \(Italy/Croatia\)](#)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

The SCGS is thrilled to present these wonderful artists in concerts and classes, and to share the art of the classical guitar this coming season! Please check back soon at <http://www.seattleguitar.org/> for more information on the International Series, Free Concerts at the Chapel Series at the [Good Shepherd Center](#), Open Mics, community events, and more musical happenings throughout the year. We look forward to sharing music and community with everyone!

Best wishes to all,

Hilary

Hilary Field, Executive Director, SCGS





diversity resources for musicians



Diversity Resources by Ciyadh Wells
<http://www.ciyadhwells.com/resources>

Guitar Music by Black Composers
<http://guitarmusicbyblackcomposers.com/>

The Institute for Composer Diversity
<https://www.composerdiversity.com/>

Oxford Music Online
Women Composers by Time Period with Links
<https://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/page/women-composers-by-time-period>

Hildegard Publishing Company
Black Women Composers
https://www.hildegard.com/resources.php?page=afro_american

Music by Black Composers
<https://www.musicbyblackcomposers.org/resources/living-composers-directory/>

Boulanger Initiative - Women Composers
<https://www.boulangerinitiative.org/>

Early Music America
Resources for Diversity in Early Music Repertoire
<https://www.earlymusicamerica.org/resources/resources-for-diversity-in-early-music-repertoire/>



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Donate Online to SCGS!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are also listed on our website: www.SeattleGuitar.org



Tuesday, July 15, 6:00–8:00 PM, West Seattle, WA

Unplugged! ~ An open mic without a mic!

New Start Time!

C&P Coffee Company, 5612 California Ave. SW, Seattle, 98136. A wonderful place for amateurs, professionals & budding musicians, to come share their music & listen to the music of others. 3rd Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Brian: briandun-bar54@gmail.com

Saturday, August 3, 6:00 PM, Vancouver, WA

Sharon Isbin performs Karen LeFrak's "Miami Concerto for Guitar & Orchestra" at the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, WA. FREE ADMISSION. <https://www.vancouverartsandmusicfestival.com/>

Thursday, August 7, 7:30 PM, Bellevue, WA

Eastside Classical Guitar Open Mic

First Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7:00 PM, playing will begin at 7:30 PM and close by 9:30 PM. Coldwell Banker Bain Building on Bellevue Way SE, half a block south of Main Street. 150 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Contact Maureen for more information.

Email: maureen@maureenrammell.com



Submit items for the Newsletter & Events Calendar at: SCGSNewsletter@hotmail.com Submission deadline for the September/October issue is August 12th, 2025. For articles, space is limited, no guarantee of inclusion, articles subject to board approval and editing.

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Monthly:

First Friday of the month, 6:00–6:30 PM, Seattle, WA
Mark Hilliard Wilson plays music for meditation at St. James

Cathedral. Livestreamed:

St. James Vimeo page: vimeo.com/stjamescathedral
St. James Facebook page: facebook.com/stjamesseattle

SCGS MEMBER NEWS

FROM: JEREMIAH LAWSON

I have written an analysis of Matiegka's Grand Sonata II. <https://wenatcheethehatchet.blogspot.com/2025/05/an-analysis-of-matiegkas-grand-sonata.html>

I have filmed and published my new Guitar Sonata in A minor. The film is at <https://youtu.be/BrLtWnVlpSw> and the score is at https://www.sheetmusicdirect.com/en-US/se/ID_No/1752148/Product.aspx.



CLASSICAL GUITAR OPEN MICS

UNPLUGGED! - AT THE C & P COFFEE COMPANY

An open mic (without a mic) in the cozy C&P Coffee Company in West Seattle.

WHEN: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:00-8:00 PM.

WHERE: C&P Coffee Company, 5612 California Ave. SW, West Seattle, 98136.

WHY: Practice Performing. Share Your Joy.

QUESTIONS: Contact Brian Dunbar at:

briandunbar54@gmail.com.

LAKE STEVENS OPEN MIC

Last Thursday of each month 7:00–9:00 PM

Lake Country Baptist Church

8830 8th St SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

(It's a portable building in the back of the parking lot.)

Contact person – Filipp: <https://www.snohomishguitar.com/>

EASTSIDE CLASSICAL GUITAR OPEN MIC

New Host and Location!

First Thursday of the month. Doors open at 7:00 PM, playing will begin at 7:30 PM and close by 9:30 PM. Come on down if you can!!! There is plenty of parking. I am asked by management to emphasize that only the main front doors are to be open for access. I'll have it clearly marked. We are in the Coldwell Banker Bain Building on Bellevue Way SE just half a block south of Main Street. 150 Bellevue Way SE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Maureen O'Reilly

Email: maureen@maureenrammell.com



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Seattle Classic Guitar Society

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Seattle, WA 98113

E-mail: SCGS@seattleguitar.org

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Board meetings are monthly, 2nd Monday, 7-9pm. SCGS members may attend by contacting SCGS (see above) to confirm location.

Donations are gladly accepted and are tax deductible; SCGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Tickets	General Ticket	SCGS Members*, Students, Seniors
Event	PriceQuantity	PriceQuantity
4-Concert Series:	\$160 _____	\$120 _____
3-Concert Series:		
Byun, Beijing Guitar Duo, David Russell	\$125 _____	\$90 _____
Beijing Guitar Duo, David Russell, A-Z Duo	\$125 _____	\$90 _____
David Russell, A-Z Duo, Byun	\$125 _____	\$90 _____
A-Z Duo, Byun, Beijing Guitar Duo	\$125 _____	\$90 _____
Single Event Tickets		
Bokyung Byun	\$45 _____	\$35 _____
Beijing Guitar Duo	\$45 _____	\$35 _____
David Russell	\$45 _____	\$35 _____
A-Z Duo	\$45 _____	\$35 _____

***One of each single event ticket or one series ticket at membership price per member, please.**

Tickets may be purchased by mail by sending this form, with check or money order made out to SCGS, to:

SCGS
 P. O. Box 30167
 Seattle, WA 98113

To purchase by phone:
 Benaroya Box office: 206-215-4747

To purchase in-person:
[Rosewood Guitar, Benaroya Box Office](#)
For online ticket orders:
www.seattleguitar.org
www.seattlesymphony.org

On the other side of this form, there is information on becoming a SCGS member or renewing your membership. If you would like to do either, please fill out the relevant information on the other side. **Note that members receive significant discounts on tickets!**

Total (this side): _____

Total (other side): _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Please share this Databook (better yet, get your friend to join SCGS). Or, if you just dispossess yourself of it, then recycle.



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Seattle, WA 98113
P.O. Box 30167
Seattle Classic Guitar Society



Seattle Classic Guitar Society Membership Application

Yes! I want to help support the Classic Guitar in Puget Sound!

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please indicate if you are a new or renewing member and membership type. Memberships are for 1 year. Donations are greatly appreciated. All donations are separate from the membership amount and are fully tax-deductible. Donations and Memberships may also be made online at: www.seattleguitar.org.

Membership:

New Member
 Renewal
 \$20 Student/Senior
 \$25 Individual
 \$40 Couple

Donations:

\$50 Friend
 \$100 Contributor
 \$250 Benefactor
 \$500 Patron
 Other amount: \$_____

My employer will match my donation!

(Please enclose matching gift form or use your employer's online process.)

What does membership do for me?

Membership in the SCGS gives you discounts on tickets to the International Concert Series, a one-year subscription to Guitar Soundings newsletter, notification of events via mail and email. Your support also helps us to bring the finest international artists to perform in the Seattle area, educational outreach in schools, open mics and support for local artists year after year.

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