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BEIJING GUITAR DUO

SCGS 2025-2026 INTERNATIONAL SERIES



All performances take place at the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall, 7:30 PM



Beijing Guitar Duo - Meng Su & Yameng Wang

Beijing Guitar Duo (China)

Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 7:30 pm

SCGS is thrilled and honored to present the virtuoso Beijing Guitar Duo for the first time on our International Concert Series.

Praised by the distinguished Classical Guitar Magazine as “*having the star potential to serve as inspiration for new generations of guitarists to come*,” the **Beijing Guitar Duo** made their New York debut in Carnegie Hall in 2010 and launched their international concert career. Guitarists Meng Su and Yameng Wang, the Beijing Guitar Duo, has performed around the world in halls such as the Concertgebouw, Palau de Musica, Tchaikovsky Hall and the National Theatre in Beijing. 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. Meng Su and Yameng Wang were born in the coastal city of Qingdao, China. They came to the partnership with exceptional credentials, including a string of competition

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awards. Ms. Su's honors include victories at the Vienna Youth Guitar Competition and the Christopher Parkening Guitarist Competition, while Ms. Wang was the youngest guitarist to win the Tokyo International Guitar Competition at the age of 12, and was invited by Radio France to perform at the prestigious Paris International Guitar Art Week at age 14. The duo served as Artists-in-residence from 2011-2015 for the San Francisco Performances outreach program that focuses on arts education and community engagement.

“The Beijing Duo’s performance was a model of elegant clarity, sumptuously beautiful tone production, and emotional contrast.” –San Francisco Classical Voice



BEIJING DUO ~ MASTER CLASS



BEIJING GUITAR DUO MASTER CLASS INFORMATION

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 10:00 AM - Brechemin Auditorium - UW School of Music

The Beijing Guitar Duo master class will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the University of Washington School of Music, in Brechemin Auditorium, at 10:00 AM.

The master class is open to up to four performers, and open to all to audit. The performance fee is \$40 per soloist or ensemble. If you are interested in performing in the master class and/or applying to the David Marshall Scholarship Fund to cover the fee, please submit online: <https://seattleguitar.org/masterclasses.htm> or send a completed application form (PDF or Email Text) to: SCGS@ seattleguitar.org.

Please note that there is a limit of one David Marshall Scholarship award per student for each season. Please also note that the scholarship application form is separate from the master class application form. If you are applying for a scholarship, please submit both applications before the deadline for the class.

The deadline to apply for both the master class and the David Marshall Scholarship is Friday, November 7, 2025. Selected players and scholarship recipients will be notified by Monday, November 10, 2025. The master class is open to auditors, and the fee to attend is \$10.00. University of Washington students may audit the class for free. There is no pre-registration necessary to audit master classes, and auditors may pay the fee at the door on the day of the class.



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Bokyung Byun: Saturday, October 4, 2025



Beijing Guitar Duo: Saturday, November 15, 2025



David Russell: Saturday, March 21, 2026



A-Z Duo (Aniello Desiderio, Zoran Dukic): Saturday, April 25, 2026

Tickets on sale now – See page 10 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

“The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between.” –Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Dear friends of the SCGS,

The 2025–26 season is off to a fabulous start! In September, SCGS welcomed [Jamie Findlay](#) as the special guest for the All-Members Meeting. He entranced us with his gorgeous and inventive arrangements, warm personality, and informative Q&A with the enthusiastic audience. He also generously shared scores of some of his arrangements, which are available online [here](#).

The young virtuoso guitarist [Bokyung Byun](#) opened the International Series with a powerful program played with the utmost finesse, musicality, and expressiveness. Her varied program included works by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco and Carlos Rafael Rivera, composers who embrace both the expansive world of cinema and the intimacy of the classical guitar.

Please join us at [Benaroya Hall](#) for the next concert in the series with the [Beijing Guitar Duo](#) on **Saturday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.**, followed by their master class on **Sunday, November 16** at [Brechemin Auditorium, UW School of Music](#). The San Francisco Classical Voice said of the Beijing Duo’s performance, “*It was a model of elegant clarity, sumptuously beautiful tone production, and emotional contrast.*”

2025 will close with the annual [Holiday Fundraising Concert on Friday, December 12, 7:30 pm](#) at [Faith Lutheran Church](#). The SCGS Annual Holiday Concert offers the opportunity for all to share their love of the classical guitar and celebrate the season!

Seattle Classic Guitar Society International Series 2025-2026

[Beijing Guitar Duo \(China\)](#)
Saturday, November 15, 2025

[David Russell \(Scotland/Spain\)](#)
Saturday, March 21, 2026

[A-Z Guitar Duo \(Italy/Croatia\)](#)
Saturday, April 25, 2026

Please visit <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



SCGS 2025-2026 GOOD SHEPHERD CONCERTS



All GSC events take place at the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave. N., 4th floor



All Members Meeting & Jamie Findlay: September 20, 2025

Leonela Alejandro: January 24, 2026



Michael Nicolella: February 21, 2026

Mark Wilson & Dieter Hennings Yeomans Duo: May 30, 2026

All GSC concerts are Saturday afternoons at 2:00 PM at the **Good Shepherd Center**.
4649 Sunnyside Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98103.

Free tickets available at the door the day of the concert.
Free parking.

Performer details will be in upcoming issues
of the SCGS newsletter.

For more info: <http://www.seattleguitar.org/>



SCGS ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT



SAVE THE DATE!

SCGS Annual Holiday Fundraising Concert

Friday, December 12th at 7:30 PM, 2025

Faith Lutheran Church

8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Celebrate 67 years of SCGS! Come join us for an evening of great guitar music, refreshments, and the annual Guitar Orchestra play-along! This concert is a fund-raiser for the non-profit Seattle Classic Guitar Society. Come and join the festivities of the season with beautiful music, refreshments, and wonderful guitar friends! Featuring amateur, semi-professional and professional players in various ensembles, the SCGS Annual Holiday Concert offers the opportunity for all to share their love of the classical guitar in performance or in supporting the many participants. The Guitar Society is also using this event to support those in need by partnering with one of Seattle's food banks for a nonperishable food drive. The suggested donation for admission is \$10, or \$8 with the donation of a non-perishable food item for the local food bank.

Guitar Orchestra Play-Along at the SCGS Holiday Concert

Everyone is welcome to play along with the Guitar Orchestra of Seattle, directed by Mark Hilliard Wilson, at the SCGS Holiday Concert on December 12th. The parts cover various levels so that all may join in. The music for the play-along will be posted in mid-November on the SCGS web site at: www.seattleguitar.org

Faith Lutheran Church, located in the residential Maple Leaf neighborhood.

Free street parking is available, along with a small parking lot at the church.

Parking information for Faith Lutheran Church



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EVENTS CALENDAR

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



Thursday, November 6, 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

Sunday, November 9, 7:00 PM, Corvallis, OR

Hilary Field in Concert. Oregon State University, RCB room, 1500 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR. Free. For more information, please visit: <https://corvallisguitarsociety.org/>

Monday, November 10, 8:00 PM, Portland, OR

Hilary Field in Concert. Portland State University, Lincoln Hall, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland, OR. Free. For more information, please visit: <https://www.pdxguitarsociety.org/>

Saturday, November 15, 7:30 PM, Seattle, WA

Beijing Guitar Duo in Concert

The Seattle Classic Guitar Society is proud to present Chinese virtuoso guitarists, **Beijing Guitar Duo**, in the 2025-2026 International Series at Benaroya Hall. Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall, Benaroya Hall. 200 University Street, Seattle, WA 98101. "The Beijing Duo's performance was a model of elegant clarity, sumptuously beautiful tone production, and emotional contrast." -San Francisco Classical Voice
\$45.00, \$35.00 students, seniors, SCGS members.

For more information and tickets, please visit: <http://www.seattleguitar.org>

Sunday, November 16, 10:00 AM, Seattle, WA

Beijing Guitar Duo Masterclass

Brechemin Auditorium - UW School of Music

<https://www.seattleguitar.org/masterclasses.htm>

The master class is open to auditors, and the fee to attend is \$10.00. University of Washington students may audit the class for free. There is no pre-registration necessary to audit master classes, and auditors may pay the fee at the door on the day of the class. Deadline to apply: Friday, November 7, 2025.

Tuesday, November 18, 6:00–8:00 PM, West Seattle, WA

Unplugged! ~ An open mic without a mic!

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: briandunbar54@gmail.com

Sunday, November 23, Noon, Tacoma, WA

The **PLU Guitar Ensemble**, under the direction of **Elizabeth CD Brown**, performs works by Courtney Stark, Andrew York, Olga Amelkina-Vera and others. This is a free event. Pacific Lutheran University, Lagerquist Concert Hall. This event will also be live-streamed for free. For more information visit: <https://calendar.plu.edu/event/guitar-orchestra-guitar-ensemble-8576>

Sunday, November 23, 3:00 PM, Tacoma, WA

Elizabeth CD Brown performs The World Beloved, A Bluegrass Mass by Carol Barnett with Choral Union under the direction of Raul Dominguez. Tickets are \$8-16. Pacific Lutheran University, Lagerquist Concert Hall. This event will also be live-streamed for free. For more information visit: <https://calendar.plu.edu/event/choral-union-8637>

Thursday, December 4, 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

Friday, December 12, 7:30 pm, Seattle, WA

SCGS Annual Holiday Fundraising Concert

Faith Lutheran Church, 8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Music of the season, celebrating our community! Free will donation. For more information, please visit: <http://www.seattleguitar.org>

Saturday, December 13, 7:30PM, Tacoma, WA

Sunday, December 14, 3:00PM, Tacoma, WA

Elizabeth CD Brown in Conrad Susa's *Carols and Lullabies* with Northwest Repertory Singers under the direction of Kyle Haugen. Christ Episcopal Church, 310 N. K Street, Tacoma, W 98403. Tickets: \$18-20. For more information visit: <https://www.nwrs.org/>

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00–8:00 PM, West Seattle, WA

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Saturday, January 10, 1:00–2:30 PM, Tacoma, WA

Nordic Chamber Music: Denmark – Six Danish Strings

First Lutheran Church Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

Nordic Chamber Music – Northwest Edvard Grieg Society and Northwest Edvard Grieg Society

Danish Works for the guitar by Lars Hesgaard, Dietrich Buxtehude, Henik Rung, some hymns and folk songs, and with a short set of compositions by **Mark Hilliard Wilson**. These are based on Seattle's Trolls that were installed here by Danish artist Thomas Danbo. **Mark Hilliard Wilson**, will be joined by Evan Pengra Sult on flute, Rachel Yoder on clarinet, Josie Zocco on piano, Bonnie Whiting on percussion, Elizabeth Phelps on violin and the Seattle Guitar Orchestra. Free (suggested donation: \$30 general, \$20 senior, \$10 student/child)

Sunday, January 11, 2:00–3:30 PM, Seattle, WA

Nordic Chamber Music: Denmark – Six Danish Strings

Ballard First Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA

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Saturday, February 28, Tacoma, WA

Save the date for the 2026 PLU Guitar Festival! This hands on festival features Classical and Jazz guitar workshops, guitar orchestra, lectures and concerts with PLU guitar faculty alongside guests TBA. Pacific Lutheran University, Mary Baker Russell Music Center, Tacoma, WA. Information will be posted on: www.plu.edu/music/workshops/guitar-festival/ or call the PLU Music Office: 253-535-7602.

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

GUITAR ORCHESTRA - WINTER QTR.

Guitar Orchestra – Winter Session 2026

January 7 – March 11 | Wednesdays, 7–9 PM

St. Alphonsus Church, 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107

Tuition: \$275 for the session

Seattle Guitar Orchestra will start work on a program called Grounds For Removal; exploring grounds (and other forms of music with repetition) for protest marches. Composers focused on will be Dietrich Buxtehude, Mark Hilliard Wilson, Henry Purcell and Robert Di Visee.

A little about Seattle Guitar Orchestra; over the past year we have been working with collective improvisations. A sample of this would be to take a major scale and divide it among 8 players and then work on listening and blending with each other. The next step is playing games with the notes, such as skipping one person and having every other person play the notes they are assigned in the scale, and playing the notes going up or down. Work with rhythm factors into this but, suffice it to say, it starts with the basic "food groups" of whole notes, halves and quarters, eighthths and sixteenths before exploring players playing various permutations of these rhythms. We could easily spend the whole session on this, but we use it as a warm up and these games with rudiments of music are usually a FUNDamental part of the compositions we then work on. Concerts will occur in March and May. We often play the Seattle Folklife Festival.

Rehearsals are held at St. Alphonsus Church. Please park in the lot behind the church (between the church and the school). Enter through the doors facing the lot, below the administrative offices.

SCGS - MEMBER NEWS

FROM: JERIMIAH LAWSON

In April I finished a new Guitar Sonata in A flat major (tribute to Duke Ellington). I recently filmed the first movement.

<https://youtu.be/cDEgI3kQxBU>



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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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A-Z Duo (Aniello Desiderio & Zoran Dukic) – Sat., April 25, 2026 – 7:30 PM

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____

Tickets	General Ticket	SCGS Members*, Students, Seniors
Event	PriceQuantity	PriceQuantity

3-Concert Series:

Beijing Guitar Duo, David Russell, A-Z Duo \$125 _____ \$90 _____

Single Event Tickets

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

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Seattle Classic Guitar Society Membership Application

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Email: _____

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