



Ofrendas



PRESENT
AUSTIN ORIGINALS:

Ofrendas

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

Red River Valley by Carrie Rodriguez*

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Sympathetic Weather by Matt Gilchrest*

Ofrenda Por Mi Padre by Nakia Reynoso*

Bellissima by Samaria Hill

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Ofrenda by Yuliya Lanina* *with Joseph Williams II*

Ofrenda for Randy by Jaynee Welty

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Miniature No. 3: 'O' is for Outerspace by Jeremy Osbourne

Ofrenda for David & Sidney Fidlon by James Fidlon

La Llorona by Claudia Chappa & Arnold Yzaguirre*

Aunt Maryann by Graham Reynolds* *with Alexis Buffum & Geoff Manyin*

Dormi by Page Stephens* *with Ben Powell & Rick Rowley*

Ofrenda for Esther Flores by Erica Flores*

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our [youtube channel](#)**

Our blog is overflowing with beautiful stories, videos, and insights. Here is a preview from a recent post. If you would like to read more, we invite you to visit AustinClassicalGuitar.org.

In collaboration with Mexic-Arte Museum, ACG asked our beloved community to join us in a creative celebration of loved ones for Dia de Muertos through our *Ofrendas* Project. Over the course of October we have been sharing the works people have submitted through this [playlist](#).

Dia de Muertos celebrates the lives of those who have passed. Ofrendas are altars containing photos, gifts, food, offerings, and personal items of our loved ones as a way of inviting their spirits to join us in the celebration of their life. We have commissioned twenty Austin-based artists, and invited our staff, community members, and students to create ofrendas of their own, and share their beautiful, touching, and inspirational work with us.



We had the privilege of speaking with one of our commissioned artists, Page Stephens, in greater depth about her connection to the project and the loved ones she is celebrating.

*“My first submission is a recording of “Here” from Mark Kilstofte’s song cycle *The White Album* with pianist Chuck Dillard. Chuck and I recorded the whole cycle at Furman University, where Kilstofte teaches, about a year ago. Kilstofte wrote the cycle after his father died; every song has to do with some stage of grief. “Here” is set to a poem by Erica Funkhouser and it’s about cleaning out a space after a loved one has died and moving to the next stage of life without them; The second piece is a recording of “Dormi, o fulmine di guerra,” a lullaby aria from Alessandro Scarlatti’s oratorio *La Giuditta*. Rick Rowley (harpsichord) and Ben Powell (violin) were kind enough to mask up and play with me.”*

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with **Oliver Rajamani & John Aielli**

Presented by **One World & Austin Classical Guitar**

Saturday, November 7, 2020 8PM CDT

Free, Donations Welcome

Master weaver of musical and cultural threads, Oliver Rajamani will share an unforgettable night of original music live from One World Theatre. Austin radio icon John Aielli adds his unique voice with poetry to accompany this tapestry of sound.



Andrea González Caballero

Saturday, November 14, 8pm CDT

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Spectacular facility, beauty, clarity, refinement. Andrea has a classic grace that is enthralling, and a presence that is inspiring. Andrea's artistry will transport you to a land of beauty.



LOOKING UP with The Austin Guitar Quartet Presented with The Contemporary Austin

Thursday, November 19, 2020 7PM CDT

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The Austin Guitar Quartet performs solos, duos, and quartets bringing to life sculptures from the sculpture park at the gorgeous Laguna Gloria. Part live stream, part curated tour, this experience will transport us.



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with **Daniel Fears, Montsho Jarreau Thoth, & Claire Puckett**

Sunday December 6, 5PM CDT

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