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ACG ORIGINALS:

PLAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

Sons de Carrilhões

João Pernambuco

Elijah Melodic Flores

Among The Flowers

Bedichek Varsity Guitar Ensemble

Bedichek Varsity Guitar Ensemble directed by Phil Swasey: Abel, Ashley, Calixta, Danny, Darnell, Edwin, Emmanuel, Jaden, Jayden, Jose, Noah, Lucas, Jonathan H., Jonathan F., Krystal (Soloist), Lola, Nancy, Nikolas, Phoenix, Ruby, Shai, Tito

Danza Paraguaya

Agustín Barrios

Cleveland Classical Guitar Society directed by Brian Gaudino, featuring Berta Rojas: Alshawn, Camari, Kadirah, Damian, Daziel, Destiny, Elijah, Kendyra, Miguel, Noel and the Conservatorio Municipal “Agustin Pio Barrios” de San Juan Bautista de las Misiones: Camila Benítez, Ana Karen Cardozo, Carlos Insfrán, Fatima Cubells, Maria Paz Cubells, Alfredo Garcete, Celina Gill, Alan Godoy, Kevin Gómez, Marcelo Gómez, Luciana Lopez, Dina Mascareño, Angela Rios, Tania Rios, Luna Silva, Lucas Trinidad
Project conceived by Rodrigo Lara Alonso and Berta Rojas

All of Me

John Legend

Student at Gardner Betts Juvenile Center with Claudia Chapa and Arnold Yzaguirre

Forward

Michael Keplinger

ACG Youth Orchestra directed by Joe Williams: Jay Campanell, Ayame Castel, Alex Davis, Samaria Hill, Sadhana Kumar, Nima Moin, Sydney Piper, Aidan Sander, Regan Sims, Zara Terrazas-Graham

Don Simon
Anonymous (arr. E. Thorlaksson)
Darnell and Lola

Lagrima
Francisco Tárrega (arr. Matthew Hinsley)
Orquesta de Guitarras del Ciclo de Iniciación Musical directed by Sayil López:
Manuel Bernal, Elienai Cortés, Carlos Linares, Luisa Márquez, Jorge Navarrete,
Israel Pimentel, Derek Rivera, Sergio Vara

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Simon & Garfunkel
Devin Gutierrez

Le Papillon
Giuliani, Mauro (arr. Chris Lee)
McKinley High School Ensemble directed by George Dean: Samaria Hill, Logan Marinakis,
Gabrielle Gove, Brendan Mammone, Juan Echavarria, Jacob Seeley, Kim Collin

Everything Changes at Once
Travis Marcum
Students from 36 middle and high schools from US and Canada, classroom guitar
teachers from ACG's National Guitar Teacher Summit, and Glendale Community
College Guitar directed by Chuck Hulihan

You are my Sunshine
Sydney Piper
Sydney Piper

Turn it on
Daniel Fears, Montsho Thoth & Claire Puckett
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Hope
Northeast High School Ensemble
Northeast High School Ensemble directed by Dallas Shreve with Tony Mariano and
special guest Daniel Fears: Juan Castillo, Christopher Imfeld, Marcus Johnson-Stevenson,
John Mark-Hunter, David Martinez, Alexandro Fuentes, Zeila Sanchez Castro,
Melvin Woods, Mamed Zine

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Our blog is overflowing with beautiful stories, videos, and insights. We include one in every virtual concert program, but if you'd like to read more, or see the videos they mention, just visit AustinClassicalGuitar.org. Here's tonight's story...

PLAY: A Conversation with Elijah Flores

Here at ACG we have so much to be grateful for! One of the top contenders on that list is our ACG Education program. Sharing the beauty, joy, and passion of music with young people has been our greatest passion at ACG for the past twenty years.

We started this magnificent journey in one school in 2001 and now we are in more than fifty local schools including Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and three Juvenile Justice Centers, and stretching all across the United States and beyond.

This year has brought many challenges to the typical flow of guitar education but we are so inspired by the ambition, dedication, and determination of the teachers and students in these programs.

We are so thrilled to be able to share the results of their hard work and passion Saturday evening.

We will be sharing videos of local students and partner programs as well as students from Mexico City all the way to Cleveland, Ohio and many places in between!

One of the students we have the opportunity to see this Saturday is Elijah Flores.

Elijah joined our partner program at Bedichek Middle School with Phil Swasey and is now a senior at Crockett High School with Ron Hare. We got the opportunity to speak with Elijah about his experience in these programs and this is what he had to share.

"I found an outlet for my energy. Over time I started to expand and use my voice along with trying new instruments. I gained inspiration from the people I was around, and the environment. I had a lot of encouragement and guidance through school, and my family, and being able to have a healthy environment to practice..."



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GOHAR VARDANYAN

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Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 8PM CDT
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with **Thomas Echols & Invoke**

Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 5PM CDT
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An exploration into memory, meaning, and the not-so-obvious threads that connect us all over Austin.

Streamed live from KMFA's new Draylen Mason Music Studio, the genre-blurring string quartet Invoke alongside wildly creative Thomas Echols will fashion a lush musical journey with guitar, strings, and electronics.

Inspired by our community, CALL AND RESPONSE was developed in collaboration with students from Austin Soundwaves, older adults at the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center, and co-artistic directors Carla McElhane and Joe Williams. This unique project is presented in partnership with KMFA Classical 89.5 as part of their intergenerational Star Notes Project, with support from the St. David's Foundation.

GIVE

Saturday, April 29, 2021 at 7PM CDT
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Guided by the belief that music can be a powerful catalyst for acceptance, hope, and joy, GIVE is a community concert featuring commissions from local artists, creative projects from students and community members as well as powerful songs from ACG's Music & Healing program.



RUPERT & LAURA

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7PM CDT
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This spring our ACG concert-streaming rig has traveled up to Brooklyn, New York, to broadcast some of the amazing artistry that's been attracted from around the globe to one of the world's greatest cities. We start things off with husband and wife duo Rupert Boyd and Laura Metcalf sharing the divine sounds of cello and guitar.

