

December 2012

Dear Classical Guitar Aficionado,

Welcome to the second installment of our **semester calendar**. Instead of three calendars a year (aligned with quarter terms), we're now doing two calendars (aligned with semester terms). It results in a squeeze play/contraction and longer lists of everything, this time from **January to summer!**

However, it's gratifying to see that in our 40th year of the Classical Guitar Department here at CCM, there's an exponential flood of opportunities available to guitar players, teachers, patrons, and enthusiasts at all levels. Americans love guitar, and they become more informed, familiar, and enthusiastic about our classical instrument each concert season.

As you scan the **two pages of event listings**, you'll note a wonderful variety – **solo recitals, chamber music concerts, guitar society presentations, summer workshops, church series recitals, college venues, a Piazzolla "operita" in Lexington, KY, and a concert entirely of music written by guitarist John Hedger** a wide swath of visibility for our "guitarra" and its splendid music.

We celebrate two big anniversaries this year – the **40th ANNIVERSARY/ REUNION of CCM'S CLASSICAL GUITAR DEPARTMENT on Saturday, April 6th**, and the **30th ANNIVERSARY of CCM'S CLASSICAL GUITAR WORKSHOP** the week of **July 8-14, 2013!!** Amazing to realize that these milestones have been reached, and the clock keeps ticking...there's more to come! We've just got the foundation stones in....

On **Saturday, April 6th**, our concert will include current students, alums, guitarists in the Preparatory Department, others involved in our activities throughout the years, and a commissioned piece by **Jeffrey Van** titled "**Guitarras Luminosas**" ! Perfect title.. there will be a celebratory reception afterward in the Baur Room, and lots of good cheer! We do hope you can join us for this warm occasion; it's a "triomphe" for all of us, well worth a joyful, raised toast!

During the week of July 8-14, we'll have a feast of activities heralding the **30th ANNIVERSARY of CCM'S CLASSICAL GUITAR WORKSHOP**, with the **Saturday night concert, July 13th**, designated as our official tribute honoring the occasion. It's always good to have such markers, sharing a sense of accomplishment, and plotting ahead to future fun times. We invite you to join us for this event too, as well as other concerts throughout that week.

So, we look forward to seeing you throughout the next several months... It should also be mentioned that the annual **GFA CONVENTION/COMPETITION** will be held this summer down the road from us in **Louisville, KY June 25-30**. This is the first time we've had this national festival in our area. Another bright feather in the cap of guitariana!

Happy Holidays!
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