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Dear Classical Guitar Aficionado,

As August sways in the hammock, September revs up its engines for the seasonal switch to cooler breezes, bustling schedules, and the approach of 2014! As Ben Franklin put it “you may delay, but time will not.” We are all on the calendar ride...which is probably a good thing. It recharges the batteries and presents new challenges and opportunities. Scan this listing of classical guitar events in the region, noticing the attractive variety of offerings we have in store, and make notes to attend certain concerts. You’ll be delighted with what you hear...

Established players OSCAR GHIGLIA and PEPE ROMERO are in Cincinnati October 13th and November 1st and 2nd. Oscar plays a solo recital of personal favorites, while Pepe plays the celebrated Rodrigo *Concierto de Aranjuez* with the Cincinnati Symphony in Music Hall. Younger virtuosi ROVSHAN MAMEDKULIEV (Russian), LUKASZ KUROPACZEWSKI (Polish), and DENIS AZABAGIC (Bosnia) are on the Indiana Guitar Series, the Columbus Guitar Series, and the Xavier Classical Guitar Series. Cincinnati’s JEREMY COLLINS plays his traditional December recital for the Greater Cincinnati Guitar Society, and Lexington guitarist/luenist JOHN HEDGER performs on the annual Christmas concert at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. TINA GUTIERREZ plays baroque guitar and viola de mano on the Christ Church Live at Lunch Series, and Bill Willits performs at Peterloo for one of their fund raising programs. There are faculty recitals (MARY AND ROD STUCKY at CCM and ANDREW WINNER at Thomas More College) , student recitals, two Classical Guitar Ensemble Concerts, and our CCM Classical Guitar Chamber Music Concert.

Live music is always a balm in our world of non-stop broadcasting over radio, television, internet, iPOD, et al. You go to the concert venue, turn everything off, pull out the plugs, and sink into some peaceful moments “offline.” You’re not available every instant, you can de-compress, clear the air waves, refuel your imagination and relax.... It’s a great and necessary tonic... The world will always be there when you log in again, but these concert respites are so refreshing.... Many thanks for helping us celebrate two anniversaries this past year – the 40th Anniversary of the Classical Guitar Department and the 30th Anniversary of the Classical Guitar Workshop. They were both terrific! On to the next decade!

Look forward to seeing you on the aisle....

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