

THE SAINT LOUIS CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY

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--St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Feb 2005

2007-2008 Seasonal News Release

The Great Artist Series

held on Saturday nights at the Ethical Society Auditorium, 9001 Clayton Rd., 63117.
Subscriptions are \$68; single tickets \$20/\$18. More Info: 314-567-5566 or guitarstlouis.net

November 3: Jason Vieaux: Praised for both his virtuosity and expressive gifts, Jason Vieaux at age 17 was the youngest First Prize winner in the history of the prestigious Guitar Foundation of America International Competition. With eight recordings to his credit--his latest a disc of music by American jazz guitarist Pat Metheny--he has toured Europe, Mexico, Canada, the Far East, Southeast Asia, and Australia to great acclaim.

December 1: The Cavatina Duo: Combining Spanish passion with Balkan sensibility, they are called "the best flute and guitar duo in the world today" by Sergio Assad. Spanish flutist Eugenia Moliner, acclaimed as "a brilliant young musician" by British Flute Society magazine, teams with Bosnian guitarist (and husband) Denis Azabagic, winner of numerous important international guitar competitions.

January 26: Lily Afshar: The first woman in the world to gain a Doctorate of Music in guitar performance, Lily Afshar is praised for her "fresh sense of programming" and "her ability to draw listeners onto the edge of their seats..." (*Musical Opinion* magazine). Her 2006 recording "Hemispheres" reached #7 on the Billboard Chart. Her St. Louis program will also include music from her homeland for the traditional Persian *Seh-tar*.

February 23: Thibault Cauvin: This French guitarist had won thirteen international competitions before the age of 20, including the Master Guitar Competition in San Francisco open only to winners of other guitar competitions. Now just 23, he has performed in prestigious halls and festivals in Europe, Canada, Turkey, Morocco and Australia.

Special Performances

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Additional non-series concerts; ticket prices \$24/\$22. More Info: 314-567-5566 or guitarstlouis.net

October 6: The Brazilian Guitar Quartet, A "Dream Team" of Brazil's most brilliant guitarists, was cited for their "almost telepathic coordination," in their 2000 debut here. They return to feature masterworks by Brazilian composers such as Heitor Villa-Lobos and others, including Isaac Albeniz and J.S. Bach. They have played to sold-out halls across Europe and Latin America, with CD's cited as "Best Recordings" by *Audiophile Audition*.

May 10: The Gao-Rao Pipa and Sitar Duo: A unique pairing of the world-renowned musical prodigies **Gao Hong**, master of the Chinese pear-shaped lute, the pipa; and **Shubendra Rao**, Indian sitarist whose father, N.R.Rama Rao, was a noted and close disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar. Both performers have received numerous honors worldwide, are composers as well as virtuoso musicians, and collaborators with musicians of other cultures. This stunning cultural pairing will include both solo and duo performances.

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2007-2008 Guitar Concert Season