

THE SAINT LOUIS CLASSICAL GUITAR SOCIETY

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A little jewel in the local music scene

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- WHO:** Lily Afshar
- WHAT:** Classical Guitar and Persian *Seh-tar* Performance
- WHEN:** Saturday, January 26, 2008, 8:00 pm
- WHERE:** The Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road in Ladue
- TICKETS:** \$20 & \$18 for seniors 62+ and full-time students
- CALL:** (314) 567-5566 or order online at guitarstlouis.net

The first woman in the world to earn a Doctorate of Music in guitar performance (Florida State University), 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). In 2000 Ms. Afshar was honored with the Orville H. Gibson Award for Best Female Classical Guitarist, and was subsequently chosen "Artistic Ambassador" by the US Information Agency to tour Africa. Her 2006 recording “Hemispheres” (which reached #7 on the Billboard Chart) introduced musical quarter tones through the addition of “fretlets” to her guitar. It attracted the attention of National Public Radio’s Robert Siegel, who featured Ms. Afshar on “All Things Considered” in 2006. Audiences have responded with fascination to the fretlets, as well as to music from her native Iran performed on the traditional Persian instrument, the *Seh-tar*.

Lily Afshar will conduct a master class held at Washington University’s Music Department, 560 Trinity Avenue in University City, on Sunday,

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