



Press release  
**Long Island Guitar Festival 2024**  
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Setauket: *Eclectic and International*, the **32<sup>nd</sup> annual Long Island Guitar Festival** will be held **April 24 - 28, 2024** at the **Setauket Presbyterian Church** in Setauket, NY.

**“The ‘Long Island’ in the festival title clearly refers to its location and origins, rather than to its scope,” *The New York Times***

The 2024 Guitar Festival is presented in partnership with the **Setauket Presbyterian Church** and the **Oberon Foundation**. The Long Island Guitar Festival represents an ongoing commitment to reach out to the arts community here and abroad continuing its established tradition of excellence in guitar performance and pedagogy.

Founded in 1993 by **Harris Becker**, this international event provides a unique opportunity to hear world-class artists in person as well as watch them teach master classes, conduct workshops, and perform in concert. The festival also features **High School Guitar Ensemble Showcases** and the ninth annual **National High School Guitar Competition** (*the first-place winner of the Competition will receive a guitar donated by Long Island classical guitar luthier Brian Itzkin*).

The 2024 festival will feature guitarists: **Ana Vidovic, Eden-Stell Guitar Duo, Pavel Ralev (US Debut) Huy Thanh Nguyen, Nicoletta Todesco, Harris Becker, Ana Marie Rosado, James Erickson, Laura Lessard and Owen Wang, winner of the 2023 LIGF High School Classical Guitar Competition.**

Ensembles scheduled to perform include the NJMEA HS Honors Guitar Orchestra, New Jersey Guitar Orchestra, New York City Classical Guitar Orchestra and the James Madison High School Guitar Ensemble.

Festival 2024 will include a lecture **"Beyond Aranjuez: The Life and Music of Joaquín Rodrigo"** with **Lauren Ishida celebrating the centennial of the composer.**

The **National High School Classical Guitar Competition** is open to residents of all 50 states who are attending a public or private high school through the date of the competition finals. Applicants may not be represented by professional management. The competition will be limited to the first 30 applicants who submit all required materials to the Long Island Guitar Festival by **April 1, 2024**. Competition rules and guidelines as well as a full list of performers and concert schedules are available at [www.ligfest.net](http://www.ligfest.net)

Festival sponsors include The D’Addario Foundation, the Augustine Foundation, Savarez, Murphy’s Music, and dedicated individuals.

Tickets: All events are available on the website through Eventbrite.

All-Events Pass - \$125.00

Individual concerts, master classes and workshops range from \$15.00 - \$35.00 per person.

\$35.00 (Students, Seniors and Guitar Society Members \$25.00)

\$25.00 (Students, Seniors and Guitar Society Members \$20.00)

\$15.00 (Students, Seniors and Guitar Society Members \$10.00)

Guitar Ensemble Showcase Concert - Free

Finals - National High School Classical Guitar Competition - Free.

"Beyond Aranjuez: The Life and Music of Joaquín Rodrigo" - Free.

Students, Seniors and Guitar Society members discounted at door.

For More Information:

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