



Press release
Long Island Guitar Festival 2022
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Setauket: *Eclectic and International*, the **30th annual Long Island Guitar Festival** will be held **May 11 to 15, 2022** at the **Setauket Presbyterian Church** in Setauket, NY.

The 30th Annual Long Island Guitar Festival Will Feature Grammy Winner David Russell (first L.I. performance) As It Presents World-Class Performances By Internationally Renowned Guitarists.

"The 'Long Island' in the festival title clearly refers to its location and origins, rather than to its scope," The New York Times

The 2022 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 and continue 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 the seventh annual **National High School Guitar Competition** and **High School Guitar Ensemble Showcases**.

"The 2022 festival will feature guitarists **David Russell, Benjamin Verdery, Beijing Guitar Duo, Evan Taucher, Harris Becker & Friends, Laura Lessard, Michael Roberts, James Erickson, Paul Cesarczyk, Chinnawat Themkumkwun, Olson/De Cari Duo**, musicians **Jeffrey Marcus, Maureen Hynes, Rie Schmidt, Alan Morris and Samantha Clarke**.

World premieres by Carlo Domeniconi, Michael Spiroff and Sergio Assad.

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 28, 2022**.

Competition rules and guidelines as well as a full list of performers and concert schedules are available at www.ligfest.net

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

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

All Event Pass - \$150.00

Individual concerts, master classes and workshops range from \$15.00 - \$30.00 per person.

\$30.00 (Students, Seniors and Guitar Society Members \$20.00)

\$20.00 (Students, Seniors and Guitar Society Members \$15.00)

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

High School Guitar Ensemble Concert - Free

Finals - National High School Classical Guitar Competition - Free.

Students, Seniors and Guitar Society members discounted at door.

For More Information:

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David Russell

Grammy Award Winner - Best Instrumental Soloist Performance

"...Mr. Russell possesses a talent of extraordinary dimension."

The New York Times

Benjamin Verdery

"Here is a musician who knows what he wants and where he wants to go and has the fiery technique to get him there.

This kind of music making is exhilarating."

St Louis Post-Dispatch

Beijing Duo

"It was clear from the evening that both women are incredibly gifted and together, with their ability to fuse technical skill effortlessly with their depth of musicality. They have the star potential to serve as inspiration for new generations of guitarists to come."

Classical Guitar Magazine

Olson/De Cari Duo

"The Olson/De Cari Duo straddle science and art gloriously."

Science Friday Initiative

Harris Becker

"Carlo Domeniconi's Toccata in Blue... all place very high demands on the player and listener. Harris rendered it with flair."

Bristol Guitar Society

Evan Taucher

American classical guitarist Evan Taucher is making a statement in the classical guitar world by establishing himself as a leading performer and educator both onstage and online.

Chinnawat Themkumkwun

"A passionate musician recognized as one of the most inspired young classical guitarists"

Mozarteum University, Salzburg

Paul Cesarczyk

"A guitarist of enormous sensitivity and supremely exquisite phrasing"

Diario de Sevilla