



Colorado Springs Guitar Society Newsletter

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Last Month's Meeting

Last month's CSGS meeting was held Monday, **July 12th**, at ASUUC. The performers and pieces played were:

- Group ensemble (dir. Mike Zimmerman): The Pavane of Welburn (Anon.), Bouree from Cello Suite 4 (Bach), "A New Irish Tune" (H. Purcell), "Brian Boru's March" (Irish trad.)
- Foothills Ensemble (Isabella Fincher, Joshua George, Dena Zimmerman, Chris Randall, and Mike Zimmerman): "Everything is All Right" (A. L. Weber, arr. Mike Zimmerman) and "Semper Fideles" (John Phillips Sousa, arr. Mike Zimmerman)
- Isabella Fincher: Minuet and Trio, Opus 22, no. 3 (Fernando Sor; from Suzuki Book 5)
- Bert Bradford: Gigue from the Suite in A minor (Johann Anton Logy), and Estudio no. 14 (Fernando Sor; from the Andres Segovia edition)
- Rock Goldberg: Pastorale (Matteo Carcassi) and Siciliana (Ferdinando Carulli)
- Ben Marchman: Two Minuets, from the Anna Magdalena Bach Book (J. S. Bach, arr. Jerry Snyder)
- Steve Brodhead, flamenco guitar: Improvisations
- Joe Laurence: Prelude in C (Charles Duncan)
- Tom Stringer: Prelude no. 2, "Preludio Triston" (Maximo Diego Pujol), and "Danza in E minor" (Jorge Morel)
- Larry Breslin, luthier: Guitar demo of a new guitar

CSGS Officers:

- **Mike Zimmerman**, President
- **Jim Bosse**, Vice President
- **Bruce Downs**, Secretary
- **Greg Playle**, Webmaster
- **Tom Stringer**, Newsletter Editor
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The Next Meeting of the CSGS

Meetings are always the second Monday of each month, at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church (ASUUC), 730 North Tejon, at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is **Monday August 9th**.

All guitarists that wish to may join in playing a set of easy ensemble pieces, attached with the newsletter:

- "Follow me up to Carlow" (Irish trad.)
- Minuet in G major (G. F. Handel)
- "Wind from the South" (Irish trad.)
- "German March" (Gottlieb Baron von Dusseldorf)
- "Brian Boru's March" (Irish trad.)

Some of these pieces are perhaps a wee bit more difficult than previous ones, because a few of the notes require higher positions on the fingerboard; but if you can read through and practice them before the meeting they should be manageable. This will be a group activity at the start of the meeting. If you are going to join in on these, please pick and practice the parts you would like to play, if possible please print and bring the sheet music, and please have your guitar tuned to standard pitch before the meeting begins.

The CSGS presents classical guitarist Michael Anthony Nigro, in concert

The Colorado Springs Guitar Society, presents, as part of the 2010 Concert Series, a concert by classical guitarist Michael Anthony Nigro. The concert is at **7:30 PM on September 25th** at **All Souls Unitarian Church**, 730 North Tejon Colorado Springs. Ticket prices: General Admission is \$15, \$10 for seniors and CSGS members, \$5 for students

For information on this artist, see his web site at www.nigroclassicalguitar.com.



Michael Anthony Nigro, Classical Guitarist

Classical Guitar Alive

The Colorado Springs Guitar Society is proud to support KCME in its presentation of "Classical Guitar Alive" the one-hour broadcast of music and information pertaining to the classical guitar. The 13-part series of programs may be heard on 88.7 KCME-FM (91.1

FM Cañon City / Florence / Penrose) Sundays from 4:00 – 5:00pm starting June 6th and concluding August 29, 2010.

Classical Guitar Alive! is a unique program that celebrates the classical repertory of the world's most-played musical instrument in a wide variety of musical settings. The one-hour weekly program is hosted by Tony Morris, an award-winning performer who combines his passion for the music with his knowledge of the instrument and its history. The music is presented with fascinating historical/background information designed to increase the listener's enjoyment and understanding.

Classical guitarist Masakazu to perform

Classical guitarist Masakazu Ito will perform the Colorado premier of Joaquin Rodrigo's "Concierto para una Fiesta" and Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto in D" with the Jefferson Symphony orchestra, **Thursday, September 2nd, 7:30 PM, at the Arvada Center's Outdoor Stage.** Tickets at www.arvadacenter.org, prices range from \$10 to \$22.

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".....the harmonic effects that our players unintentionally achieve are one of the marvels of our natural art. Even more we believe that our 15th century instrumentalists were probably the first to add harmonic accompaniment (with chords) to the vocal or instrumental melody".

--Manuel de Falla, composer, referring to the music of Spain

"The guitar is a wonderful instrument which is understood by few."

---Franz Schubert

"In playing the guitar, as in all things, it is bad luck to be superstitious"

--- Gottlieb Baron von Düsseldorf

"He was, himself, a mediocre player [on the violin]. His tone and his sense of pitch were so poor that I rejected the violin as a music instrument. And besides that, he had a terrible temper. He would pinch me whenever I played a bad note."

—Andres Segovia, talking about the violin teacher he had as a small child

All music is what awakes from you when you are reminded by the instruments,
It is not the violins and the cornets, it is not the oboe nor the beating drums, nor the score of the baritone singer singing his sweet romanza, nor that of the men's chorus, nor that of the women's chorus,
It is nearer and farther than they.

—Walt Whitman, 19th century American poet

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**Musicians wanted for Sunday Services at All Souls
Unitarian Universalist Church**

ASUUC occasionally requests classical guitar performers for their Sunday services. The agreement with ASUC is that the CSGS is allowed use of the church facilities for the monthly meetings in exchange for the CSGS providing music during their services. Solos, duets, etc are welcome. Please contact Mike Zimmerman if you would like to perform occasionally at ASUUC services.

(Editor's note: if you play for a service, we will, if you wish, include a photo and a brief note about the pieces you played---TAS).

Status of the New CSGS Website

Greg Playle continues to work on and update the CSGS website. He has placed several back issues of the CSGS newsletters on the site, as well as some recent photos of members, concerts, etc. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see added to the website, please contact him at

Webmaster@ColoradoSpringsGuitarSociety.org

or discuss them with him at the next meeting.