



Colorado Springs Guitar Society Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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The Next Meeting of the CSGS

The first meeting of 2010 will be on **Monday January 11th**, at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 730 North Tejon, starting at 7:30 PM. All attending guitarists may join in playing the "easy duets". This month, to start off the New Year with a fresh set of pieces, we will move on to #'s 1-5 from the second set of "Easy Duets", which can be downloaded for free at <http://www.eythorsson.com/en/Download.aspx?id=2004>. Please pick and practice the parts you would like to play, and if possible please print and bring the sheet music. This will be a group activity at the start of the meeting; and please have your guitar tuned to standard pitch before the meeting begins.

CSGS Officers:

- **Mike Zimmerman**, President
- **Jim Bosse**, Vice President
- **Bruce Downs**, Secretary
- **Greg Playle**, Webmaster
- **Tom Stringer**, Newsletter Editor

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Music Quotes

"If music be the food of love, play on;
Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting,
The appetite may sicken, and so die.
That strain again! it had a dying fall:
O! it came o'er my ear like the sweet sound
That breathes upon a bank of violets,
Stealing and giving odour."

--William Shakespeare, "Twelfth Night" (1.1.1-7)

"Approach your guitar intelligently, and if there are limits, don't deny them. Work within your restrictions. Some things you can do better than others, some things you can't do as well. So accentuate the positive."

--Chet Atkins

Last Month's Meeting

Last month's CSGS meeting was held Monday, December 14th, at ASUUC. The performers and the pieces they played were:

- Group ensemble (Jerry Sabolik, Ashley Lutton, Jim Bosse, Ben Marchman, Jim Smith, Bert Bradford, Ross Trottier, Steve Brodhead, Greg Playle, Tom Stringer, and Mike Zimmerman, director): "easy duets", numbers 9 through 13, from the Eythorsson website.
- Isabella Fincher and Mike Zimmerman, duet: Allegretto (2nd movement from "Le Premier Pas" Op. 53, (F. Sor)
- Isabella Fincher: "Greensleeves" (arrangement from the Suzuki Book 3)
- Ross Trottier: Prelude to the 1st cello suite (J. S. Bach)
- Ben Marchman: "Lagrima" (F. Tarrega)
- Bert Bradford: Study #12 in A major (Fernando Sor) and Bouree in E minor from the 1st lute suite (J. S. Bach)
- Jim Smith: Evocacion (J. Merlin), "Torijos" and "Romance of the Pines" (F. Moreno-Torroba), and Fandanguillo (J. Turina)
- Tom Stringer: "Recuerdos de la Alhambra" (F. Tarrega) and Variations on "Conde Claros" (Luys Narvaez)
- Jim Bosse: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (F. Mendelssohn), and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (R. S. Willis)

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, and is also starting to put various recent photos of members and recent concerts on it as well. If you have any relevant photos for the photo gallery, please contact Greg at

Webmaster@ColoradoSpringsGuitarSociety.org to arrange to send them to him. He also has suggested a suite of articles that he deems of interest to guitarists:

- How to select repertoire + recommendations
 - How to practice
 - Care & feeding of guitars
 - Traveling with guitars (road and flight)
 - Home recording (including as part of practice)
 - Equipment reviews: tuner(s); humidifier(s); hygrometer(s); etc.
- He is soliciting authors to actually write these articles, but he is willing to help with them. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you would like to see added, please contact Greg the above email address, or come to next Mondays' meeting and discuss the ideas with him in person.

Larry Breslin

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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, or other musical combinations are welcome. Please contact Mike Zimmerman if you would like to volunteer to perform occasionally at ASUC services throughout the year.