About the VCU Guitar Program

The VCU Guitar Program is a vibrant part of the VCU Department of Music. Several of our alumni are teaching or have taught at VCU and at other universities, including Norfolk State University, the College of William and Mary, Christopher Newport University, the University of Richmond, and Randolph-Macon College. In addition, several of our graduates are currently teaching in Virginia public and private schools.

Each year, the VCU Guitar Series and the Guitar and Other Strings Series bring nationally and internationally acclaimed guitarists to the VCU campus for concerts and master classes. Past performers include William Kanengiser, Manuel Barrueco, Eliot Fisk, Dennis Koster, David Russell, Simon Dinnigan, the Washington Guitar Quintet, Charlie Byrd (jazz), John Jackson (blues), Torcuato Zamora (flamenco), Miguelito (flamenco), Leo Kottke (finger-style), and Tony Rice (bluegrass).

The Jesús Silva Merit Scholarship provides financial assistance to outstanding undergraduate guitar majors. Contact John Patykula at jtpatyku@vcu.edu for additional information on how to support.

The VCU Friends of Music Scholarship Fund continues to assist many of our VCU Music students with necessary scholarship funds making it possible for them to pursue their education. To contribute to this fund online, please go to: support.vcu.edu/give/Arts - scroll to “Friends of Music.” For additional information on how to support VCU Music, please email music@vcu.edu or call 804-827-4541. Your support is valuable and appreciated!
Program

Suite for Two Guitars
Corant I
Alman
Corant II

William Lawes (1602-1645)
arr. Julian Bream

Concerto for Oboe and Strings in D minor
I. Andante e spiccato
II. Adagio
III. Presto

Alessandro Marcello (1673-1747)
arr. Drew Henderson

Nuo Duo
Sanzen-in
Evening Dance

Andrew York (b. 1958)

Truco Suite
I. Primera
II. Falta envido
III. Truco
IV. Vale Cuatro

Máximo Diego Pujol (b. 1957)

Three Beatles Songs
I. The Fool on the Hill
II. She’s Leaving Home
III. Penny Lane

John Lennon/Paul McCartney
arr. Leo Brouwer

About the artists:

Kathy Robinson is the Orchestra and Guitar Director at Manchester High School in Chesterfield County, Virginia. As co-founder of the Chesterfield All-County Guitar Festival she realized a lifelong dream of elevating the art of the guitar in the public school system. Kathy is also currently a member of the VMEA guitar council which recently established the VGDA (Virginia Guitar Director's Association). Mrs. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Music degree in classical guitar performance and Master of Music degree in music education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She teaches private lessons in violin/viola/cello,double bass and guitar at Powhatan Music and Sound and GreenSpring International Academy of Music.

David Robinson received his Bachelor of Music degree in composition and Master of Music degree in classical guitar performance from Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Robinson is the current Director of Guitar Studies at the Collegiate School in Henrico County, Virginia and adjunct professor in VCU’s Music Department. During his time at the Collegiate School, his guitar ensembles have been chosen to perform at the International Villa-Lobos festival twice and perform frequently for the school community. Mr. Robinson is an avid composer and arranger and has had pieces performed by the VCU Guitar Ensemble, Latin Ballet of Virginia, Manchester High School Guitar Ensemble, Collegiate Guitar Ensembles, and the Richmond Guitar Quartet.

Kathy and David live in Salisbury, Midlothian with their four children Dylan, Spencer, Sammy and Daisy and two Australian Shepherds Memphis and Luna.