An Evening of Classical Guitar

The VCU Guitar Ensemble and the VCU Community Guitar Ensemble
Directed by John Patykula

with special guest
John Bullard, classical banjo

7:00p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Sonia Vlahcevic Concert Hall
922 Park Avenue
Richmond, VA 23284
VCU Guitar Ensemble  John Patykula, director

Wesley Eldridge  Isaac Lee
Zachary Figgs  Jasmine Lopez
Ammar Jawad  Jadon Skatoff
Melodie Lael  Tyler Warren

VCU Community Guitar Ensemble  John Patykula, director

Lynn Basham  Natalie Mitchell
Michael Gillespie  Beth Premo
Liza Grishaeva  Ashley Purisima
Frank Hsu  Alex Turney
Seamus McDaniel  Toshi Yamashita

John Bullard has attracted international attention for his work in developing and transcribing classical repertoire for the five-string banjo. His critically acclaimed CD releases include John Bullard - The Classical Banjo on the Dargason label and Bach on the Banjo on Albany Records. In 2005, he became the first classical banjoist to graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University’s Department of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in Performance. Graduating magna cum laude, John was inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, the prestigious national music honor society. Music from John’s recordings has been included in several feature films such as the DreamWorks animated film The Rise of the Guardians and the award winning The Edge of Heaven. John’s classical banjo playing was highlighted in the June 2005 issue of Vintage Guitar Magazine. He has published two books with Mel Bay Publications, Bach for the Banjo and Scales and Arpeggios for Classical Banjo. John is also included in Mel Bay Publication’s popular book and CD collection Banjo 2000 featuring works by the world’s finest banjoists. John’s virtuoso playing was the focus of a cover story and interview in the May 1993 issue of The Banjo Newsletter. John was on the faculty of the world-renowned Tennessee Banjo Institute along with such luminaries as Pete Seeger, Bela Fleck and Tony Trischka. He has performed throughout the United States and has been featured on numerous radio and television programs. His most recent CD, Classical Banjo: The Perfect Southern Art, has been praised “as exceptionally brilliant as it is masterful.”
Program

Holiday Jig/Toy for Lutes  English Renaissance  
arr. J. Bullard/J. Patykula  
John Bullard, classical banjo  
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Prelude from Cello Suite No.1  J.S. Bach  
Wesley Eldridge, guitar

Loure from Partita No.3  J.S. Bach, arr. J. Bullard/J. Patykula  
John Bullard, classical banjo  
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Prelude No.3 (Homage to Bach)  Heitor Villa-Lobos  
Ammar Jawad, guitar

La Cardenense  Ernesto Lecuona, arr. J. Patykula  
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From Nashville With Love  John D. Loudermilk, arr. Adam Larrabee  
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Etude No.11  Heitor Villa-Lobos  
Tyler Warren, guitar

Villanesca  Enrique Granados, arr. J. Patykula  
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En Los Trigales  Joaquin Rodrigo  
Zachary Figgs, guitar

In the Bleak Midwinter  Gustav Holst, arr. Frank Mullen III  
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Upcoming VCU Guitar Events:

Friday, December 9 • 7:00 p.m.
Annual Music for the Holidays Gala featuring the VCU Guitar Ensemble, the VCU Community Guitar Ensemble, and other VCU ensembles
Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
General admission: $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under
All proceeds benefit The Doorways.

Wednesday, February 15 • 7:00 p.m.
The Music of Andrés Segovia
Presented by the students in the VCU Guitar Program
Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
Free admission

Sunday, March 26 • 4:00 p.m.
VCU Guitar Series – Seamus McDaniel, classical guitar
Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
Free admission

Sunday, April 23 • 3:00 p.m.
The VCU Guitar Ensemble
Vlahcevic Concert Hall, W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
Free admission

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

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!

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