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## SPECIAL PDF EDITION

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this issue of the SCGS Newsletter will be available in PDF format only. No printed copies will be created or mailed out due to the various business closures and social/physical distancing requirements aimed at mitigating the spread of the virus in Washington state.

## GiveBIG! Support SCGS!



**Tuesday & Wednesday  
May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



**GiveBIG website:**

<http://www.givebigwa.org/seattle-classic-guitar-society>

### What is GiveBIG Washington?

GiveBIG Washington is a fundraising event that starts with early giving on April 15 and culminates with a 48-hour public campaign on May 5 – May 6.

Through GiveBIG, individuals, businesses, and organizations come together to invest in healing our communities. Support nonprofits providing food, shelter, health, and social services; fighting for a more just world; expanding our horizons through art and learning; and many more valued missions.

GiveBIG Washington is organized by 501 Commons, a 501c3 charitable organization.



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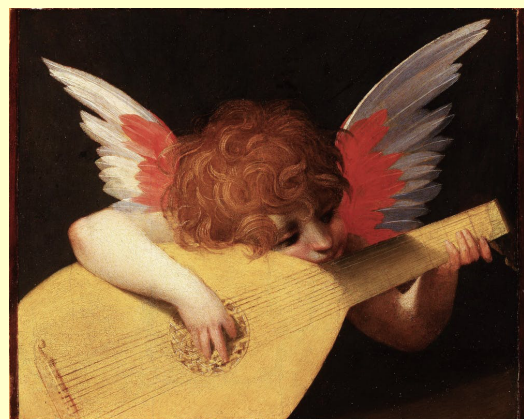
*“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all.” - Emily Dickinson*

### **A note from the SCGS Board and Executive Director:**

We hope that everyone is safe and well. Although the remainder of the **Seattle Classic Guitar Society 2019-2020 season has been canceled due to COVID-19**, our commitment to building and sustaining a connected musical community remains strong and hopeful. The SCGS Board is working hard behind the scenes to reschedule concerts and events when public gatherings are once again safe. Until that time, **please join us for virtual online musical events and activities coming up soon**, such as a **Facebook Live concert with acclaimed guitarist Dr. Jon Paul Yerby on Saturday, May 9, 7:00 pm PST**, and a **Zoom Open Mic on Tuesday, June 16, 7 pm PST**, with host Ellen Wanless. There are also plans for a virtual guitar ensemble project. More details will be sent out soon, and the events will also be listed in the newsletters, emails, SCGS web page, and SCGS social media sites.

More details will be sent out soon, and the events will also be listed in the newsletters, emails, SCGS web page, and SCGS social media sites. We all look forward to the day when we are safe to gather together and participate in community events and activities, sharing our dedication and passion for the classical guitar. As you know, SCGS reaches out to diverse communities through concerts, master classes, a guitar orchestra, open mic performances, and educational outreach projects, with free opportunities available to partake in all of these programs. We so appreciate your support over the years, helping SCGS offer music and education to populations that might not be able to afford or have access to the arts.

**GiveBIG Washington** is a fundraising event that started with early giving on April 15, and will culminate with a 48-hour public campaign on May 5-May 6. As in previous years, SCGS is taking part in GiveBIG this year. Any donation you make to SCGS through GiveBIG will help us reach our community involvement goals, as we navigate new online ventures and anticipate our return to safe gatherings in person. Through GiveBIG, individuals, businesses, and organizations come together to invest in healing our communities. Thank you in advance for your donation and for being a part of our community’s biggest day of giving of the year. Make your gift online at: <https://www.givebigwa.org/seattle-classic-guitar-society>



## Dear Friends of Seattle Classic Guitar Society,

Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced back in March that all performance venues in the greater Seattle area, including Benaroya Hall, will be closed for public events in an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Today, May 1, 2020, Governor Inslee has extended the Stay-at-Home order to May 31st.

All performances and events scheduled at Benaroya Hall are canceled until further notice, including the performances by Michael Partington and Judicaël Perroy.

If you have already purchased tickets to the Michael Partington and/or Judicaël Perroy concerts, you have a couple of options regarding your existing concert tickets, whether you purchased them at Benaroya Hall, The Rosewood Guitar, or SCGS Mail Order.

If you purchased your tickets at Benaroya Hall Box Office:

1. Donate your tickets. If you are able, you may donate your tickets back to Seattle Classic Guitar Society via Benaroya Hall by calling 206.215.4747 or emailing [tickets@seattlesymphony.org](mailto:tickets@seattlesymphony.org). By donating your tickets, you are providing vital support for music that inspires and connects our community -- plus, you receive a tax deduction!
2. Request a refund for your tickets. You may request a refund by calling the Benaroya Hall Ticket Office at 206.215.4747 or emailing [tickets@seattlesymphony.org](mailto:tickets@seattlesymphony.org).

If you purchased your tickets at Rosewood Guitar or through SCGS mail order, you have the same options regarding your existing concert tickets.

For tickets purchased through SCGS mail order and The Rosewood Guitar please contact:  
[scgs@seattleguitar.org](mailto:scgs@seattleguitar.org)

Governor Inslee's decision prioritizes public health by restricting all large gatherings, and we are committed to the health and safety of everyone at our concerts. Please know that we remain dedicated to serving our community and truly appreciate your ongoing support. We look forward to resuming all our SCGS events in the near future.

***Visit SCGS online at: [www.seattleguitar.org](http://www.seattleguitar.org)***

**SCGS Membership and Member Renewals available online now!**

*(Go to the SCGS website and click "Join SCGS". It's quick and easy!)*

**Donate Online to SCGS!**

*(Go to the SCGS website, click "Donations", and then click the "Make a Donation Online" button.)*

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## SPECIAL SCGS ONLINE CONCERT!!

DR. JON YERBY – Saturday, May 9, 2020 – 7:00 PM PST - FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT!



**DR. JON YERBY**

The Seattle Classic Guitar Society is proud to present Dr. Jon Paul Yerby in a free Facebook Livestream concert on Saturday, May 9, 7:00 pm Pacific Time. Stay home, stay healthy, and enjoy classical guitar music by this *“fine guitarist of taste and refinement who possesses one of the world’s most beautiful natural guitar sounds.”* - Eliot Fisk

The concert will be streamed live on the Facebook platform; you can view the concert without a Facebook profile or without logging in to Facebook. The full concert will also be available after the concert is over. Check in with the SCGS website or the SCGS Facebook page for the link a few days before the concert, and/or follow Jon Yerby on Facebook.

Born in Celle, Germany, Dr. Jon Paul Yerby has performed across four continents and served on the faculty of five major Universities. An acclaimed recitalist and chamber musician, Jon has performed with the Park City Beethoven Festival, ICPNA International Guitar Festival in Peru, The Utah Opera, and tours annually throughout the United States and Europe. He has also served as a guest artist at the University of Wittenberg-Halle in Leipzig, Germany.

Jon’s teachers and mentors include such luminaries as Eliot Fisk, Oscar Ghiglia, John Gibbons, Tom Johnson, Adam Holzman, and Bruce Holzman. Dr. Yerby holds degrees in Classical Guitar Performance from The University of Texas at Austin (BM), New England Conservatory (MM), and Florida State University (DMA).

Jon also collaborates with dance artist Alexandra Bradshaw Yerby as the duo ‘7&1,’ creating original pieces featuring contemporary dance with live guitar. In February, 2017, Yerby was commissioned to perform the Bach Chaconne as part of a solo dance piece with New York’s famed Limón Dance Company. Yerby is currently working on his first documentary film score for the film Love Evolved, a feature length documentary film portraying the scientific quest to understand inner peace, by Dr. Steven Pierce, MD.

To watch the Livestream concert, check the SCGS website for the link ([www.seattleguitar.org](http://www.seattleguitar.org)) or go to the Seattle Classic Guitar Society Facebook page and click on the concert link: SCGS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/seattleclassicguitarsociety/timeline>

Free! Free Parking! Watch from the comfort of your own home!

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## Events Calendar:

Events are also listed on our website: [www.SeattleGuitar.org](http://www.SeattleGuitar.org)

*With the exception of online concerts and other online streamed events, all concerts and gatherings are currently canceled or suspended until such a time in the future when such gatherings are safe for groups to attend again.*

### Monthly:

First Friday of the month, 6:00–6:30 PM, Seattle, WA  
Mark Hilliard Wilson plays music for meditation at St. James Cathedral every Friday throughout the year.

Friday, May 1, 6:30 PM - Streamed Online!  
Livestream Candlelight Prayer with Cathedral Guitarist Mark Hilliard Wilson – Joy

In lieu of the scheduled May Taizé ecumenical prayer service, Cathedral Guitarist Mark Hilliard Wilson will offer a 40-minute concert of musical prayer on the theme of Joy, which will be livestreamed from St. James Cathedral, Seattle. Mark is offering his music to help bring us together spiritually as a congregation during this difficult time when we must be apart physically.

Cathedral's Vimeo page:  
[vimeo.com/stjamescathedral](https://vimeo.com/stjamescathedral)  
Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/stjamesseattle](https://facebook.com/stjamesseattle).

If you are unable to participate at that time, the video will be archived here for future viewing.

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Tuesday May 5, all day, online  
Wednesday, May 6, all day, online  
GiveBIG Washington! Donate online to SCGS.  
[www.givebigwa.org/seattle-classic-guitar-society](http://www.givebigwa.org/seattle-classic-guitar-society)



### Every Sunday:

Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, Seattle, WA  
“As Best You Can” Guitar Sessions are meeting every Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, via Skype. All styles and genres of guitar music are welcomed! For more information or the Skype link, contact: [asbestyoucan@outlook.com](mailto:asbestyoucan@outlook.com)

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SCGS Virtual Open Mic online via Zoom  
If you are interested in performing, listening, or would like more information, please send email to Hilary Field at: [scgs@seattleguitar.org](mailto:scgs@seattleguitar.org)

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## CLASSICAL GUITAR OPEN MICS

SCGS will host an online open mic via Zoom on June 16th. In the meantime, our traditional open mics are suspended until a time in the future when such gatherings are deemed safe.

### SCGS Virtual Open Mic online via Zoom

Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 PM PST

If you are interested in performing, listening, or would like more information, please send email to Hilary Field at: [scgs@seattleguitar.org](mailto:scgs@seattleguitar.org)

### West Seattle Unplugged!

An informal gathering of musicians in the cozy C&P Coffeehouse in West Seattle.

WHEN: 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9pm (except December).

WHERE: C&P Coffeehouse, 5412 California Ave. SW, West Seattle.

WHY: Practice Performing. Share Your Joy.

QUESTIONS?: Contact Ellen Wanless at: [wisteria@drizzle.com](mailto:wisteria@drizzle.com)

*Paid for by the Seattle Classic Guitar Society and the C&P Coffee Company.*

### EASTSIDE CLASSICAL GUITAR GET-TOGETHERS

Eastside Get-Togethers (open mics) are on the first Thursday of each month on the Eastside in Bellevue, WA. All levels welcome. For more information please contact: [nbonning@msn.com](mailto:nbonning@msn.com) or phone Nancy at 425-454-0186.



Submit items for the Newsletter & Events Calendar at: [SCGSNewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:SCGSNewsletter@hotmail.com) Submission deadline for the July-August issue is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. For articles, space is very limited, no guarantee of inclusion, articles subject to approval first and editing.



### Seattle Classic Guitar Society

A nonprofit organization promoting the art of the classic guitar in the Puget Sound area.

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Hilary Field

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Board meetings are monthly, 2nd Monday, 7-9pm. SCGS members may attend by contacting SCGS (see above) to confirm location.

Donations are gladly accepted and are tax deductible; SCGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are a new or renewing member and membership type. Memberships are for 1 year. Donations are greatly appreciated. All donations are separate from the membership amount and are fully tax-deductible. Donations and Memberships may also be made online at: [www.seattleguitar.org](http://www.seattleguitar.org).

**Membership:**

- New Member
- Renewal
- \$15 Student/Senior
- \$20 Individual
- \$35 Couple

**Donations:**

- \$50 Friend
- \$100 Contributor
- \$250 Benefactor
- \$500 Patron
- Other amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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### What does membership do for me?

Membership in the SCGS gives you discounts on tickets to the International Concert Series, a one-year subscription to Guitar Soundings newsletter, notification of events via mail and email. Your support also helps us to bring the finest international artists to perform in the Seattle area, educational outreach in schools, open mics and support for local artists year after year.

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