



Virginia Guitar Directors Association

NEWS



**World Cultural Festival Global Guitar Ensemble
Sept. 29, 2023 on the National Mall, Washington, DC**

Dear Guitar Educators,

We are gearing up for the 2023 VMEA Professional Development Conference which will take place in Richmond, VA from Nov. 16 - 18. We will have lots of guitar sessions for you to attend and participate in. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://www.vmea.com/vmeaconference2023>

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Guitar Sessions at VMEA!

Thursday, November 16

1:30 PM - J. Michael Lunsford Middle School Guitar Ensemble
Jared Eastridge, director

2:00 PM - Reading/Playing Guitar Out of Open Position
Chris Perez

6:00 PM - Young Guitar Directors Forum (VGDA)

Friday, November 17

10:00 AM - "Guitar 101" Basic Maintenance and Repair
Chris Perez

11:00 AM - 2023 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble
Dr. Kami Rowan, conductor

1:00 PM - Guitar Ensemble Reading Session
Kathy Robinson

2:00 PM - Radford University Guitar Ensemble
Dr. Robert Trent, conductor

3:00 PM - Playing Music with Your Brain
Dr. Kevin Vigil

5:00 PM - Ukulele Flash Mob Rehearsal
Dr. Jackie Secoy

Saturday, November 18

10:00 AM - Micing and Ensemble
Nigel Tangredi



Chris Perez



**Dr. Kami Rowan,
2023 AVGE**



Kathy Robinson



Dr. Kevin Vigil



Nigel Tangredi

Congratulations to the Students who were selected for the 2023 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble

Stevens, Andrew	Stone Bridge HS
Acharya, Aaditya	Briar Woods HS
Alcester, Thad	Stone Bridge HS
Banerjee, Aditeya	Briar Woods HS
Borra, Kushal	Freedom HS
Byun, Joshua	RMA
Castel, Rhys	Freedom HS
Cheng, Harry	Briar Woods HS
Cherian, Amy	Freedom HS
Detorie, Sophie	Potomac Falls HS
Dhiman, Aryan	Rock Ridge HS
Dumas, Luke	Potomac Falls HS
Elshaer, Sofyan	Heritage HS
Elsharkawy, Nader	Riverside HS
Getni, Maneesh	Rock Ridge HS
Goel, Raghav	Briar Woods HS
Herrera, Maximo	Freedom HS
Hyun, Ethan	Freedom HS
Ignacio, Alexander	Freedom HS
Jaiswal, Parth	Rock Ridge HS
Kadiyala, Rishi	Freedom HS
Kesiraju, Arjun	Briar Woods HS
Kuhlman, Nora	RMA
Kumar, Nikhil	Freedom HS
Lopez, Isabella	Rock Ridge HS
Luces, Ian	Freedom HS
Lulay, Ved	Freedom HS
Marion, Sunny	Manchester HS
McQuinn, Kaley	Potomac Falls HS
Minter, Colin	Menchville HS
Mulholland, Chase	John Champ HS
Nare, Tanvi	Independence HS
Oates, Ryan	Loudoun County HS
Oh, Jiho	Freedom HS
Oza, Nisarg	Freedom HS
Perero Samnta Cruz, Valeria	Potomac Falls HS
Rajakumar, Rohit	Lightridge HS
Rupakheti, Amulya	Heritage HS
Schassler, Ben	Loudoun County HS
Sunkara, Vishwa	Freedom HS
Surabhi, Nirav	Independence HS
Taylor, Logan	Freedom HS
Vangipuram, Aarav	Briar Woods HS
Vuong, Shawn	Briar Woods HS
Xing, David	RMA

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[October 13—Guitar Educator Questionnaire Submissions Due](#)

Please take a few minutes to complete the Guitar Educator Questionnaire developed by the NAfME Council for Guitar Education. The data that you share allows us to better understand guitar education and increases opportunities for educators AND students. Take the survey at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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