

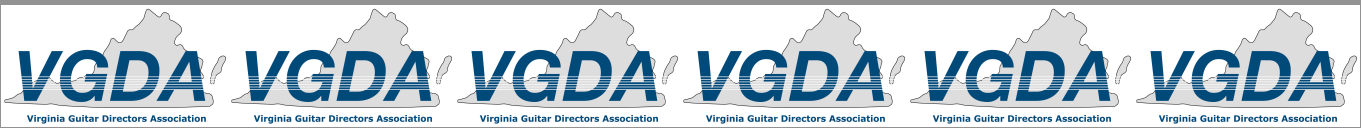
NEWS



J. Michael Lunsford Middle School Guitar Ensemble- Jared Eastridge, director
Selected to perform for the 2023 VMEA Professional Development Conference in November.

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7. 10% of your purchase price will be donated to
the All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble

2023 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble Auditions

Sept. 9 - 10

- The AVGE Audition page is now updated. Students may now sign up for an audition time.
- This year, directors will register their students on one digital form. That means you only have to put your information down one time. If you have multiple students, this will streamline the process. Before filling out the registration, you will need to have the following information for each student:
 - Student Name as it will appear in the program if selected
 - Student's Email Address
 - Parent or Guardian's Name
 - Parent or Guardian's Email Address
 - Student Grade Level
- All information can be found on the VGDA Website: <https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/about-1>



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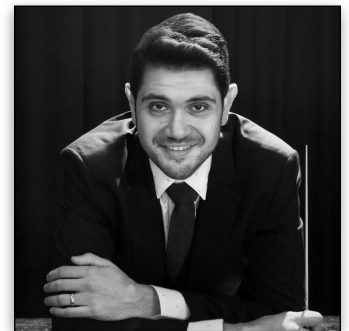
Kathy Robinson
will lead a Guitar Ensemble Reading
Session at Conference



Dr. Kami Rowan, conductor
2023 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble



Dr. Kevin Vigil
Playing Music with Your Brain



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VMEA Small Ensemble Applications Due Sept. 15

CONFERENCE IS COMING!!! Applications are open for small ensemble performances during the 2023 November Conference. Those interested, click below to fill out the form and submit your application! If you have questions, reach out to Alan Johnson, VMEA Performance Coordinator at vmeaperformances@gmail.com

Application Link: <https://form.jotform.com/222514591103143>

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World Cultural Festival

Creating a 1,000 Person Guitar Ensemble

Rehearsal is Sept. 28 - Performance is Sept. 29

The organizers of the World Cultural Festival wish to create a guitar ensemble of 1,000 people. You and your students are invited to participate! This will be a massive sing-a-long with two songs: We Are One by Grammy-Winner Micki Free and All You Need is Love by the Beatles. The music is simple chord strumming and suitable for beginners.

This Guitar Ensemble is only one of many performance in the 3-Day Cultural Festival taking place on the National Mall in Washington, DC. For information and registration, go to this link: <https://www.wcfguitar.org/info>

Guitar Day at Shenandoah Conservatory of Music

October 1, 2023

- Free Registration
- One or two weeks prior to Guitar Day, registered students will receive an email from Conlin Davin including important details about the day as well as ensemble parts for the final performance.
- Attending parents and teachers should also register
- Featured Guest Artist is João Luiz, two time Latin Grammy nominee.

For more information click this link: <https://www.su.edu/conservatory/invites/guitar-day/>

Instrumental Music Standards Of Learning and Instructional Resources For Guitar

Oct. 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm

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In this session, Virginia music educators will be offered a brief overview of the 2020 Instrumental Music Standards of Learning that can serve as an introduction to, or a refresher of concepts and central understandings of the Standards applied to guitar/ukulele instruments. In addition, the most up-to-date resources, information, and opportunities will be shared. Guest speaker, Dr. Kevin Vigil will share resources and information from the Virginia Guitar Directors Association and NAFME Council for Guitar Education. Both Sherry and Dr. Vigil will be available for the Q & A following the informational portion of the webinar.

This session is for all guitar educators in Virginia interested in the latest information, resources, and opportunities from VDOE.

Click this link to register for the session: https://doe-virginia-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpf-mgrTwpHNz_X3aF5zxpI_EI9VQM05qY#/registration