



Virginia Guitar Directors Association

NEWS



2021 Ukulele Flash Mob Rehearsal

Dear Guitar Gurus,

We are very excited about this year's sessions for guitar at the 2022 VMEA Professional Development Conference that will take place from Nov. 17 - 19 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. If you have not registered, keep in mind that "Early Bird Registration" ends on Oct. 15. For more information go to: <https://www.vmea.com/vmea-conference> .

This year's offerings will include several sessions to support those new to teaching the guitar. The new VGDA Graded Ensemble Repertoire will be presented and discussed and will certainly prove a useful tool for your ensemble selections. There will be two ukulele features. One is a session titled, "Approaches to Using Ukulele with Elementary and Middle School General Music Classes" and the annual Ukulele Flash Mob. Please join us in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble on Nov. 18 at 1 pm!

Guitar Sessions at Conference

- Nov. 17 at 1:00 PM: Approaches to Using Ukulele with Elementary and Middle School General Music Classes. Presenter: Dr. Jackie Secoy
- Nov. 17 at 3:30 PM: How Do You Teach a Guitar Class? Presenter: Dr. Sean Beavers
- Nov. 18 at 10:15 AM: Graded Guitar Ensemble Repertoire: Finding Music for your Guitar Class. Presenters: Aaron Kunk & William Hart Wells
- Nov. 18 at 1:00 PM: 2022 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble conducted by Andrew York. Program includes the world premiere of **One Night in Rome** by Andrew York.
- Nov. 18 at 4:30 PM: Guitar for the Non-Guitarist Music Educator. Presenter: Dr. Kevin Vigil
- Nov. 18 at 5:45 PM: Forum for Beginning Guitar Teachers. Moderated by Dr. Kevin Vigil
- Nov. 18 at 6:45 PM: Ukulele Flash Mob Performance in Lobby
- Nov. 19 at 11:30 AM: How Do I Know What to Teach These Kids: A Survey of Classroom Guitar Methods. Presenter: Matt Trkula



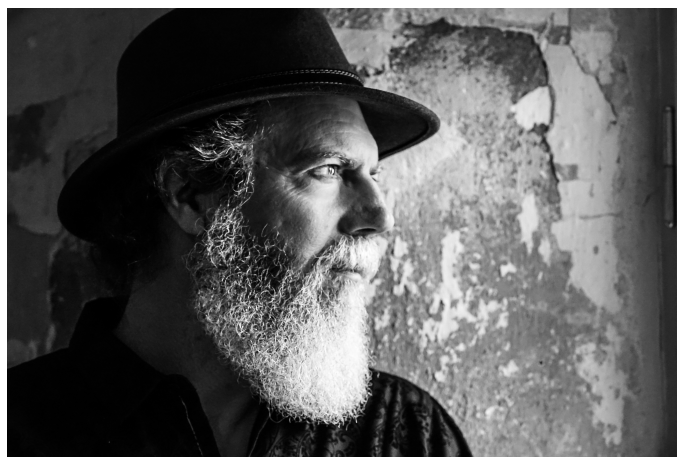
Artisha Knight-Milan & Ruth LeMay (2021)



2021 AVGE



Kids of all ages play music!



Grammy Award Winning Composer and Guitarist
Andrew York conducts the
2022 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble

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Students Selected for the 2022 All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble

Rishi Kadiyala, concert master

Angelica Franco Brito, section leader

Arjun Kesiraju, section leader

Noah Chang, section leader

Aditeya Banerjee

Akhil Meda

Andrew Stevens

Arnav Vemula

Colin Minter

Daniel Robinson

Darrell Marion

David Navarro

David Xing

Diego Doone

Emmanuel Nacional

Eric Aviles

Eshaal Mizra

Ethan Hyun

Evie Johnston

Genevieve Kopp

Harry Cheng

Henry Goldschmidt

Isaac Yoo

Joshua Dinh

Justin Ko

Khalid Moosa

Lalith Radesh Penumatsa

Luke Dumas

Maxim Balbanski

Maximo Herrera

Nader Elsharkawy

Nicole Balagao

Nirav Surabhi

Parth Jaiswal

Raghav Goel

Rhys Castel

Rohan Konanki

Rohit Kulkarni

Sofyan Elshar

Sophie Detorie

Vishwa Sunkara

Vivienne Rowland

Ved Lulay

William Blanco

Freedom High School

Potomac Falls High School

Briar Woods High School

Rock Ridge High School

Briar Woods High School

Lightridge High School

Stone Bridge High School

Briar Woods High School

Menchville High School

Loudoun County High. School

Manchester High School

Potomac Falls High School

Blacksburg High School

Freedom High School

Loudoun County High School

Freedom High School

Briar Woods High School

Freedom High School

Potomac Falls High School

Madison High School

Briar Woods High School

Blacksburg High School

Freedom High School

Potomac Falls High School

Briar Woods High School

Freedom High School

Rock Ridge High School

Potomac Falls High School

Riverside High School

Freedom High School

Riverside High School

Briar Woods High School

Independence High School

Rock Ridge High School

Briar Woods High School

Freedom High School

Freedom High School

Freedom High School

Heritage High School

Potomac Falls High School

Freedom High School

Riverside High School

Freedom High School

Potomac Falls High School

Other Announcements

- Dr. Robert Trent will be teaching guitar at the 2023 Summer Residential Governor's School for Visual & Performing Arts. For information about this program click here: <https://www.radford.edu/content/gov-school/home.html>
- Shenandoah University is hosting a Guitar Day on Sunday, October 23. The day will feature performances by SU Faculty and students, group ensemble performance by all participants, master classes and special guest artist Bokyung Byun. This event is FREE, but does require registration. Go to this link for information: <https://www.su.edu/conservatory/invites/guitar-day/>