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SACRAMENTO GUITAR SOCIETY & ARC GUITAR PRESENT THE 2ND ANNUAL WINTERS GUITARFEST

Northern California Guitar Enthusiasts Unite to Celebrate World-class Guitars, Luthiers and Guitar Artists

(Sacramento, CA; June 21, 2018) The Sacramento Guitar Society & ARC Guitar, a Winters guitar building school, will present the 2nd Annual Guitarfest at the Historic Palms in Winters, CA on June 29-30, 2018. The event will celebrate the diversity of the acoustic guitar, the craftsmanship of master luthiers and the music of guitar virtuosos from California and Oregon.

Visitors to this 2-day event will access world-class hand-crafted guitars at the **Luthier Showcase**, featuring over a dozen luthiers. They will also have the opportunity to participate in **Workshops** to enhance their personal guitar skills. The event will also feature **Concerts** performed by Mark Hanson, Greta Pederson, Teja Gerken, Doug Young, Gordon Rowland and Mark Taylor.

Mark Hanson is a well-known performer, author, and instructor in the acoustic guitar field. He has authored over two dozen guitar books and DVDs on a variety of topics. Mark has released ten solo and group recordings, one of which – Solid Air Records' "Henry Mancini Pink Guitar" – won a Grammy for best pop instrumental album in 2005.

Greta Pedersen – Named 2009 National Artist of the Year by Young Audiences, Greta is a versatile performer and music educator. She is at ease in a variety of styles and settings: from nightclubs to schools, concert halls to libraries, amphitheaters, and arts festivals. Together with her husband Mark Hanson, they have performed worldwide, played and sung for the President of the United States in San Francisco in 2009.

Teja Gerken is a San Francisco Bay Area-based fingerstyle guitarist, author and cofounder of the roots music instruction website Peghead Nation. He is a regular at guitar festivals, has toured internationally, and his two CDs have received critical acclaim. He weaves together influences of folk, jazz, classical, and world music into a style that is uniquely his own, reflecting his diverse musical interests. He enjoys playing Irish traditionals, the occasional jazz standard, or improvising on themes by classical composers.

Doug Young is a fingerstyle instrumental guitarist based in the San Francisco South Bay area. He is the winner of the 2011 International Acoustic Music Awards in the instrumental category. Doug has released two CDs, "Laurel Mill," and "Closing Time," which feature his solo guitar playing, compositions and arrangements. Mel Bay has published his best-selling instructional book: Understanding DADGAD: For Fingerstyle Guitar as well as Fiddle Tunes in DADGAD. He is a Contributing Editor for Acoustic Guitar Magazine and has also been published in Fingerstyle Guitar Magazine.

Gordon Rowland is a concert master of classical, flamenco, and jazz guitar. He is a professor, composer, studio musician, transcriber, teacher, and author. His music is "lovely, flowing and filling." His playing has inspired generations of players, amateurs and professionals alike.

Mark Taylor is an international recording artist, performer and teacher specializing in Classical and Flamenco styles. His combined experience in classical and flamenco music makes him a strong and dynamic interpreter of the classical repertoire with an approach to flamenco that is rhythmically vibrant, passionate and true to the essence of the many styles he performs.

The Sacramento Guitar Society (SGS) is a non-profit educational and arts service organization that has existed in one form or another since at least 1961. Daniel Roest is the Artistic Director of the Sacramento Guitar Society and he is as the Artistic Director of this event.

ARC Guitar is a Guitar Building School and Workshop in Winters, CA. Al Calderone is a luthier, instructor and founder of ARC Guitar and he is the Operational Director of this event.

For more about the Sacramento Guitar Society: http://www.sacramentoguitarsociety.org/
P.O. Box 621, Folsom, CA 95763

For more about ARC Guitar: http://www.arcguitar.com/
308 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694

EVENT SUMMARY:

Presented by: Sacramento Guitar Society & ARC Guitar Event: **2nd Annual Guitarfest in Winters, CA**When: Friday, June 29 – Saturday, June 30, 2018
Where: The Palms, 13 Main St, Winters, CA 95694

Ticket price: 1-day pass: \$20

2-day pass: \$35

Tickets: https://wintersquitarfest.com/tickets

For more information, pictures of the artists, or to make interview requests, contact Lili Williams, President of Sacramento Guitar Society, lwilliams@SacramentoGuitarSociety.org 916-224-5508.