

SACRAMENTO GUITAR SOCIETY



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SACRAMENTO GUITAR SOCIETY EXPANDS ITS GUITAR ORCHESTRA

*A Grant From the California Arts Council Brings
Free Community Guitar Orchestra to Sacramento and Davis, CA*

(Sacramento, CA; Dec 3, 2018) The **Sacramento Guitar Society**, a 501(c)(3) education and arts nonprofit, has been funding a Guitar Orchestra consisting of all nylon strings for the past 4 years. This month, with the funding received from the **California Arts Council's Artists in Communities Grant** program, the nonprofit organization has expanded its Sacramento guitar orchestra to include an additional beginner level in Sacramento, as well as initiated a new community orchestra in Davis, CA.

As part of its mission to promote share and celebrate the Art of Guitar, the Sacramento Guitar Society has been funding the Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra for the past 4 years. The orchestra is **open to anyone, at no cost**. Participants include children as young as 8 years old and adults of all ages. Since the skill level of this group had increased to a point where newcomers were feeling a bit intimidated, the President/Grant Writer of the organization, Lili Williams, applied for the California Arts Council's Artists in Communities Grant to expand the existing Sacramento Guitar Society to allow Level 1 beginners to join, AND to create a new orchestra in the city of Davis, CA, with Level 1 and Level 2 to accommodate community members at various skill levels.

Sean O'Connor will be conducting the Sacramento Guitar Orchestra (Level 1 & 2). He is a graduate of the classical guitar program at California State University and currently teaches privately and performs on a regular basis throughout the greater Sacramento area.

Michael Silva, a classical guitarist and music educator will conduct the Davis Community Guitar Orchestra, Level 1. He is on the faculty at Modesto Junior College, where he helps with the biannual Central Valley guitar festival *Guitarraganza!* He also is a guitar instructor at Music Stream Center in Davis.

Matthew Grasso, a classical guitarist, composer, arranger, and musical instrument innovator will conduct the Davis Community Guitar Orchestra, Level 2. Currently Matthew is on the faculty at Sacramento City College, Yuba Community College, American River College, California College of the Arts, and he teaches privately.

Each orchestra level meets once per month to practice their repertoire. They perform in public at community concerts.

The Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra will be opening at their Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 16th from 3-5pm. The event will feature the **Acoustic Guitar Summit** a trio group consisting of **Doug Smith, Terry Robb** and **Rob Hanson**. An event with two GRAMMY® winners, a National Fingerstyle Champion and an Acoustic Blues master with lightning chops is a recipe for a triple treat for the Holidays!

The Sacramento Guitar Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational arts organization.

To Join the Guitar Orchestra:

<http://Orchestra.SacramentoGuitarSociety.org>

Holiday Concert Tickets:

<http://www.sacramentoguitarsociety.org>

For more about Sacramento Guitar Society:

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