

Press release

**Long Island Guitar Festival 2018**

News Release

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***"The "Long Island" in the festival title clearly refers to its location and origins, rather than to its scope." - New York Times, March 2014***

Celebrating the 26th Annual Long Island Guitar Festival at LIU Post  
Event to also feature a National High School Classical Guitar Competition, the Long Island Guitar Festival Guitar Orchestra and High School Guitar Ensemble Showcase concerts.

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The Department of Music of the School of Performing Arts at LIU Post is pleased to announce the 26th Annual Long Island Guitar Festival - Eclectic & International, directed by Harris Becker, to be held April 10- 15, 2018 at Tilles Center's Hillwood Recital Hall. The festival is recognized internationally as a premier event hosting exceptionally talented musicians from the classical guitar world.

The Long Island Guitar Festival now in its 26<sup>th</sup> season will provide a unique opportunity for students and the general public to see world-class artists teaching and performing. The 2018 festival will feature concerts by **Berta Rojas, Rene Izquierdo, Cavatina Duo, The Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo, Alexandra Yannis Guitar Duo, Simon Powis, James Erickson, Michael Roberts, Laura Lessard, and Harris Becker.** Also featured will be the fifth annual **National High School Guitar Competition**, the **LIGF Guitar Orchestra** and **Ensemble Showcases** as well as master classes and workshops.

Festival sponsors include the D'Addario Foundation for the Performing Arts, the Augustine Foundation, Savarez, Murphy's Music, LIU's John P. McGrath Fund, and dedicated individuals. The festival represents LIU's ongoing commitment to reach out to the arts community and continue an established tradition of excellence in guitar performance and pedagogy.

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This year's festival musicians have received great critical acclaim:

**Cavatina Duo**

*"Style, Sympathy and technical Aplomb"*

Fanfare

**Berta Rojas**

*"...an ambassador of the classical guitar"*

Classical Guitar Magazine

**Simon Powis**

*"Simon displayed outstanding sensitivity and a musical maturity that was worthy of any professional concert platform".*

Huffington Post

**Harris Becker**

*"...demonstrated considerable technical skill, musical knowledge and expertise....."*

Bristol Guitar Society, Bristol England

**Alexandra Yannis Guitar Duo**

*"Superb technicians and sensitive musicians .."*

John Duarte

**Newman and Oltman Guitar Duo**

*"revelation to hear"*

The Washington Post

**Rene Izquierdo**

*"...unforgettable versatility, sensitivity and sublime musicianship."*

Classical Guitar Magazine, July 2007

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The Long Island Guitar Festival offers several ticket options:

All-Event Pass, \$150 (includes all events)

Individual concert tickets, \$25 per person (\$20 for students and seniors)

High School Ensemble concerts tickets, \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors)

Emerging Artist concert, \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors)

Tickets to audit master classes, \$10

Tickets to select concerts may be purchased in person at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts box office, by calling 516-299-3100, or online through the Tilles Center Web site. Box office hours are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. There are per-ticket fees when ordering online or through Ticketmaster.

Tickets to all events will be available at the door and can also be purchased by mail through the LIU Post Department of Music. The All-Event Pass can be purchased only through the Department of Music. A mail-in ticket order form can be found on the Festival website - [www.liu.edu/gfest](http://www.liu.edu/gfest).

Also featured at the event will be the fifth annual National High School Classical Guitar Competition. This competition is open to residents of all 50 states who are attending and matriculated in a public or private high school through the date of the competition finals. Applicants may not be represented by professional management. The Competition will be limited to the first thirty (30) applicants who submit all required materials to the Long Island Guitar Festival by March 24, 2018. For more information and competition rules and guidelines please visit [www.liu.edu/gfest](http://www.liu.edu/gfest)

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### Long Island University

Founded in 1926, Long Island University (LIU) is one of America's largest and most comprehensive private universities with locations and programs spanning the New York metropolitan area, overseas and online. With more than 193,000 alumni worldwide, the university offers nearly 500 academic programs and educates more than 23,000 students in New York through accredited programs in Brooklyn, Brookville (LIU Post), Brentwood, Riverhead, Rockland and Westchester (LIU Hudson). Its international unit, LIU Global, provides study-abroad options at overseas centers and program sites in Central America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. In addition to academic excellence, LIU hosts NCAA Division I and II athletics as well as the internationally-acclaimed Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and George Polk Awards in Journalism.

LIU Post, Located in Brookville, N.Y., offers more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs at one of Long Island's most scenic locations along the Gold Coast. Ranked a Best Regional University by U.S. News and World Report, the university features world-class faculty, a vibrant campus life and residence halls for more than 1,600 students. Graduates who earn their degrees from LIU Post have achieved great distinction in the fields of dance, theater, art, television, movies, music, management and finance, health care, education and technology.

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