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## **The Davis Art Center is pleased to present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classical Guitar Series**

**Davis, CA** – The Davis Art Center is pleased to present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classical Guitar Series in the atrium, which consistently offers a unique, intimate setting to enjoy the beautiful tones of the classical guitar. This series, coordinated by local musician-composer Matthew Grasso, will be different than years past, as it will highlight Guitar Composers and focus on solo performances.

Grasso himself, known for taking the art of the 7-string guitar to new heights, is first on the bill with a concert on Friday, February 28 at 8 pm. A deeply emotional performer, Grasso will perform both original compositions and his own transcriptions of classical masterworks. To learn more about Grasso, visit him online at [matthewgrasso.com](http://matthewgrasso.com).

On April 4, Ukrainian-American classical guitarist and composer Arina Burcéva will present a program of her own compositions reflecting classical, romantic, impressionist and ethnic elements. In addition to being a prolific composer, she has performed recitals and taught master classes in the USA, Canada, Europe and South America. More information about Burcéva is online at [arinaburceva.com](http://arinaburceva.com).

English-born composer and concert guitarist Ross Thompson will perform on May 16. A faculty member of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music preparatory division, he has received numerous commissions for original music and is a first



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prizewinner in the American String Teachers Association National Competition. Visit [rossthompson.com](http://rossthompson.com) to learn more.

The series ends on June 27 with an appearance by eminent teacher and performer Lawrence Ferrara. Ferrara has performed major recitals throughout the world, including at Carnegie Hall in New York. He was twice prizewinner at the Carmel Classic Guitar Competition, served on the Music Advisory Panel to the National Endowment of the Arts, and is the author and performer of a sequence of music books titled "The Student Repertoire Series for Guitar." Visit Ferrara's website at [lawrenceferrara.com](http://lawrenceferrara.com) to learn more.

All concerts are family friendly and begin at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors and \$5 for children 12 and under. They are available at the door before concerts beginning at 7:30 pm, or in advance at [www.davisartcenter.org](http://www.davisartcenter.org).

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