

McAllister Keller Guitar Duo



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DATE: May 16 & 17, 2015

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WHO: McAllister Keller Guitar Duo (MKGD)

WHAT: Songs: Old & New for Classical Guitars and Voice

WHEN: Saturday, May 16, 7:30 pm
Sunday, May 17, 4:00 pm

WHERE: Trinity Cathedral
2620 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95816
Saturday, May 16, 7:30 PM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
7850 Watt Avenue
Antelope, CA 95843
Sunday, May 17, 4:00 pm

TICKETS: @ Trinity, Saturday, May 16, 7:30 pm: \$10-15 requested donation
@ St Andrew's, Sunday, May 17, 4:00 pm: \$10-15 requested donation

McAllister Keller Guitar Duo: Back-to-Back Concerts

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April 1, Sacramento, California – It's not often that chamber music enthusiasts get back-to-back opportunities to hear two classical guitars with voice. Presenting *Songs: Old and New*, MKGD will be featured at Trinity Cathedral's music series on Saturday, May 16 at 7:30pm. *Songs: Old and New* explores the concept of song from the Renaissance to the present day. Bridging four centuries, their program will include songs from Elizabethan England by John Dowland and Robert Johnson, an original arrangement of an Italian madrigal by Carlo Gesualdo, folk and art songs from South America, and duets by Paulo Bellinati, Mario Lavista, Steve Reich, and the Duo's own Derek Keller.

Unique to the ensemble are the members' contributions other than guitar playing, such as their own arrangements of works of Arnold Schoenberg and the vocal work and composition of Derek Keller, who's local to Sacramento. About their concert in Colorado Springs, CO last summer, David Skolnick (*The Gazette*) writes:

"The music existed on two intentionally intersecting planes: cir. 1600 and modern times. Keller is a gifted singer with a voice perfectly suited for the gentle Renaissance sounds of John Dowland. The three songs he offered by the Englishman accompanied by McAllister were pure pleasure. The music essentially passed from ancient to contemporary; but in two cases, profound connections were made. The traditional Chilean song "Toy of Love" was sung by Keller and was a motivic component of his *Events-Mixtures-Foci*... This was a fascinating study in abstraction and seemed to contain a treatise of the history of guitar styles. Here, the duo proved to be an ideal purveyor of the avant-garde."

At St. Andrew's Episcopal church, in Antelope, CA, MKGD will also present a matinée concert on Sunday at 4:00 pm of the same program, which has been found to be "affectionately and meticulously rendered by McAllister and colleague Derek Keller," as Ken Herman (*San Diego Story*) writes about their concert in San Diego in January, 2014.

Sacramento, this is a rare opportunity to hear an eclectic music program by two fabulous musicians, one of which will also be singing. Don't miss them. *See and hear them* on Saturday, May 16 at 7:30pm at Trinity Cathedral (Midtown); and/or Sunday, May 17 at 4:00pm at St' Andrew's (Antelope). For more information, please see the contact information below.

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