



## I. John Olson

### *What Are The Most Popular Classical Guitar Pieces?*

Guitarist John Olson pursues an eclectic life in music, science and arts leadership. He performs with the Olson/DeCari Duo, the Brooklyn Guitar Quartet and the Contemporanea Guitar Duo. He has released two CDs with the Olson/DeCari Duo: *Quiet Songs* and *Eve's Diary*. He has studied guitar with David Leisner, Jon Harris and Neil Anderson and has studied organ and baroque performance practice with organists Rick Erickson, Rodney Gehrke and Christian Lane.

Since 2007, John has served as President of the New York Classical Guitar Society. From 2014 to 2019 he served on the Board of Trustees of the Guitar Foundation of America. Among other classical guitar leadership roles, John has served as Director of the annual Ben Verdery Guitar Class since 2013.

A respected scientist, John received his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has performed research for over 25 years in academic and industrial settings. He is dedicated to bridging the worlds of science and music through his Science/Music Commissioning Project, which seeks to expand the repertoire for guitar and voice and explore connections between science and music.

## II. Open Mic

### **David Zhu**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

### **Keller Larsen**

*Chant*

Andrew York (b. 1958)

*El Coyuyo (Bailecito)*

Hector Ayala (1914–1990)

*Für Elise*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827) (arr. McFadden)

### **Tom McNamara**

*Minuet, Op.21, No. 12*

Matteo Carcassi (1792–1853)

*Gavotte from Partita VIII*

Giuseppe Brescianello (1690–1758) (arr. Papas)

*Zapateado*

Spanish Traditional

### **Anysia Kim**

*After the Rain*

Mikhail Sytchev (b. 1971)

*Rondo in C major from Sonatina, Op. 71, No. 1*

Mauro Giuliani (1781–1829)

*Waltz*

José Ferrer (1835–1916)

### **Paul Bennett**

*Natalia*

Antonio Lauro (1917–1986)

### **Andrew Pearson**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach

### **Kim Kramer**

*Schindler's List*

John Williams (b. 1932) (arr. Nikita Koshkin)

### **Lindsay Lee Brown**

*Silent Night*

Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863) (arr. Karl Scheit)

*The First Nowell*

Traditional English Carol (arr. Lindsay Brown)