

GUITAR at MSU DENVER



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The Classical Guitar program at MSU Denver offers students many performing opportunities as both soloists and in guitar chamber groups. Our renowned guitar faculty pride themselves on catering their instruction to each individual's need. The guitar area brings in a variety of concerts, masterclasses, and events each semester, including the annual Guitar Celebration. In 2016, the program hosted the Guitar Foundation of America Conference and Competition, bringing in workshops and masterclasses from the world's top performers. Students of MSU Denver's guitar program have gone on to compete in national guitar competitions.

Guitar Events

Guitar Faculty

Spring 2020

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Viva Southwest Mariachi Festival & Concert

Saturday, February 15

King Center Concert Hall

Concert at 7:00 pm, Tickets \$15, \$12, \$10

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Visiting Artist Series

David Russell, guitar

Friday, February 28

King Center Concert Hall

7:30 pm, Tickets \$16, \$12, \$10

Visiting Artist Masterclass

David Russell, guitar

Saturday, February 29

King Center Recital Hall

10:00 am, Free and Open to the Public

MSU Denver Guitar Ensemble

Wednesday, April 29

King Center Recital Hall

7:30 pm, Tickets \$7

MSU Denver Chamber Music Ensembles

Sunday, May 3; Concert Hall, 4:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5; Recital Hall, 7:30 pm

Tickets \$7

MSU Denver Mariachi Ensemble

Sunday, May 10

King Center Concert Hall

3:00 pm, Tickets \$7

Events are subject to change. King Center Box Office: 303-556-2296



ALEX KOMODORE

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Alex Komodore is a Denver-based virtuoso guitarist. His powerful interpretations, formidable technique, and natural musicianship have won unanimous praise from prominent international critics, audiences, and many of the world's finest guitarists. A tireless and dedicated servant and teacher of his craft, Komodore has judged in many of the world's most prestigious Guitar Festivals and Competitions, including the Portland International Guitar competition, the Denver International Guitar Competition, the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival, and the Guitar Foundation of America International Youth Guitar Competitions. He has been invited to teach at many International conservatories throughout the world. Winner of the 1985 MTNA Collegiate Artists Competition, his subsequent appearances on National Public Radio and PBS Television broadcasts brought swift national acclaim. A much sought after soloist, chamber musician, and orchestra soloist, his performances and master classes have taken him across the United States, Canada, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and the Dominican Republic. Showing rare versatility, he has performed as a guitar, theorbo, mandolin, and tenor banjo soloist with many of the finest orchestras across the U.S.



JEFF GLEASON

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Born in Alaska, and raised in Colorado, guitarist Jeff Gleason holds a Master of Music in Guitar Performance from the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music and a Bachelor of Music in Guitar Performance from Metropolitan State University of Denver. Former teachers include Ricardo Iznaola, Masa Ito, Jonathan Leathwood, and Alex Komodore. He has participated in masterclasses with Christopher Parkening, Paul Galbraith, Ricardo Cobo, David Russell, Manuel Barrueco, GFA winner Judicael Perroy, Stephen Aaron, Frank Koonce, and John Duarte, and was the third-place winner of the Denver Classical Guitar Society's solo competition in 2009. He joined the MSU Denver Music guitar faculty in January of 2009, where he teaches guitar lessons and several sections of Class Guitar, and also maintains an active private guitar studio. He has performed throughout Colorado and the West, including in the Santa Fe Classical Guitar Festival and the Sierra Nevada Classical Guitar Festival.