

Thu
9th Jan

JANUARY MEETUP AND AGM

NB! Please pay your annual membership fees this month

19:15-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

19:45-20:00 Members' Lightning Talks: TBC *We don't know who's talking yet or what about, but it will be good, we promise.*

20:00-20:50 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal

21:00-22:00 AGM *Our first AGM since officially becoming a charity and we have important governance changes to discuss and agree. Come and have your say about your society's future!*



Theme: "Celebrating the Slow"

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Feb

FEBRUARY MEETUP

19:15-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

20:00-20:50 Guest Speaker: Sam Brown "Caught Luting: Playing renaissance lute music on the guitar" *Sam Brown leads a practical workshop on how to transfer lute music well to the guitar: expect a whistle-stop tour of lute repertory, division playing, ornaments, and right hand hints and tips.*

21:00-22:00 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal



Theme: Renaissance

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Mar

MARCH MEETUP



19:00-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

19:45-20:00 Members' Lightning Talk: Tony Mulholland "Software Tools for Ensemble Practice"

20:00-20:50 Young Artists Platform We host one of this year's IGF Young Artist Platform winners for a short concert. *Artist TBC*

21:00-22:00 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal



Theme: TV, film, musical, video game themes (arranged or written for guitar)

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Mar



BCGS CONCERT SERIES - PAVEL RALEV

Described by John Williams as "a poet of the guitar", the London-based Bulgarian classical guitarist Pavel Ralev is establishing a strong presence on the international concert platform. In 2023, he was conferred as an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, London, in recognition of his "significant contribution" to the music profession. Pavel made his Wigmore Hall debut in November 2023, under the auspices of the Julian Bream Trust ("an unforgettable performance", Gendai Guitar Magazine).

Check the website closer to the time for venue and ticketing details



Thu
10th
Apr

APRIL MEETUP



19:15-20:00 Solos and chamber ensembles

20:00-20:50 **Young Artists Platform** We host one of this year's IGF Young Artist Platform winners for a short concert. *Artist TBC*

21:00-22:00 **BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal**

Theme: *Dance (Music inspired by dance forms like Waltz, Tango, Pavane, Sarabande, Rumba, Fandango etc.)*



Thu
8th
May

MAY MEETUP

19:15-20:00 Solos and chamber ensembles

20:00-20:50 **Guest Artists: Mosaic Guitar Ensemble** A short concert by the Mosaic Ensemble, based in the south of England, and under the direction of Amanda Cook

21:00-22:00 **BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal**

Theme: *Not originally for guitar - transcriptions throughout the ages*



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12th
Jun

JUNE MEETUP

19:15-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

19:45-20:00 **Member's Short Talk** *TBD*

20:00-20:50 **Guest Speaker: Steve Toon, Guitar Maker**

Steve will talk about his general approach to guitar making and his more recent excursions into double topguitars. Also about the way he developed his ideas on this type of guitar and all being well he will bring one new guitar for a demo.

21:00-22:00 **BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal**

Theme: Own arrangement or composition (**£100 prize!**), or music from a living composer.



16-21
Jun



Guitar Foundation of America Competition and Summer School

Our patron, Berta Rojas, will be teaching and performing.

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June

BCGS CONCERT SERIES - EDEN-STELL DUO



The Eden-Stell Guitar Duo, featuring Mark Eden and Christopher Stell, is one of the world's leading classical guitar ensembles, renowned for their exceptional artistry and innovative performances. Hailing from the UK, the duo has dazzled audiences globally with their seamless interplay, virtuosic technique, and dynamic interpretations of a diverse repertoire, ranging from Renaissance to contemporary music. Their arrangements and original works have expanded the possibilities of guitar duo performance, earning acclaim for their creativity and precision. In addition to their concert career, they are dedicated educators, inspiring the next generation of musicians through masterclasses and workshops.



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Jul

MEMBERS' SUMMER CONCERT

Come and support our members at this performance, allowing them to showcase their hard work this year! Includes solos, small chamber groups and the BCGS Ensemble.

19:00 - 19:50 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal

20:00 - 22:00 Members' Summer Concert



25th-
27th
July

HAM FARM FESTIVAL

Be sure to check out the events at this local Bristol music festival organised by our artistic director, Francisco Correa, with his wife, Emily. <https://www.hamfarmfestival.com/>

~~August~~



NB! NO AUGUST MEETUP

If you're not away for summer holidays, it's great month to consider attending one of the many summer schools running this month, which offer guitarists an opportunity to meet and learn from each other and incredible artists and teachers. See <https://www.bristolclassicalguitarsociety.org/2024/09/01/classical-guitar-summer->

Thu
11th
Sep

SEPTEMBER MEETUP



19:15-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

IGF 19:45-20:00 Members' Short Talk TBD

20:00-20:50 Young Artists Platform We host one of this year's IGF Young Artist Platform winners for a short concert. *Artist TBC*

21:00-22:00 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal



Theme: Cheesy classics. *Shamelessly celebrate the perennial favourites which might have drawn you to the guitar in the first place e.g. Spanish Romance, Recuerdos, Cavatina, Asturias*

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Oct

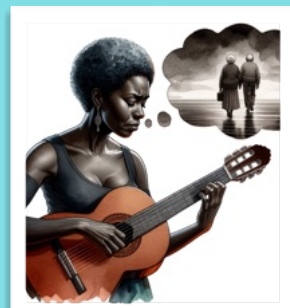
OCTOBER MEETUP



19:15-20:00 Solos and chamber ensembles

20:00-20:50 Young Artists Platform We host one of this year's IGF Young Artist Platform winners for a short concert. *Artist TBC*

21:00-22:00 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal



Theme: Personally Meaningful. *Play something which has great personal meaning for you*



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Nov

NOVEMBER MEETUP



19:15-19:45 Solos and chamber ensembles

19:45-20:00 Members' Short Talk *TBD*

20:00-22:00 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal *Double session to prepare for next month's concert!*

Theme: Something Old or Something New. *Old repertoire you learnt long ago, or something you just learnt!*

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15th
Nov

ZORAN DUKIĆ – BCGS CONCERT SERIES



Zoran Dukić is a renowned classical guitarist celebrated for his masterful technique, profound musicality, and dynamic performances. Born in Croatia, Dukić has won numerous international competitions, establishing himself as one of the most decorated classical guitarists of his generation. His repertoire spans from Baroque to contemporary music, often showcasing the works of composers like J.S. Bach, Joaquín Rodrigo, and Astor Piazzolla. A passionate educator, Dukić has inspired countless students through his teaching at prestigious institutions such as the Hochschule für Musik in Aachen, Germany, and the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague, Netherlands.

His performances are known for their emotional depth and technical brilliance, captivating audiences worldwide.

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Dec

MEMBERS' WINTER CONCERT

Come and support our members at this performance, allowing them to showcase their hard work this year! Includes solos, small chamber groups and the BCGS Ensemble.

19:00 - 19:50 BCGS Ensemble Rehearsal

20:00 - 22:00 Members' Winter Concert

