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Celebrating their 40th season throughout 2021, the Grammy® Award-winning **Los Angeles Guitar Quartet** has continually set the standard for expression and virtuosity among guitar ensembles, while perennially exploring new musical landscapes. Popularly known as the **LAGQ**, the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet is recognized as one of America's premier instrumental ensembles. As one of the most charismatic groups performing today, their critically acclaimed transcriptions of concert masterworks provide a fresh look at the music of the past, while their interpretations of works from the contemporary and world-music realms continually break new ground.

RECENT & UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Performances of Pat Metheny's *Road to the Sun* at Newman Center, Krannert Center, Lobero Theatre, Hopkins Center, 92nd Street Y, Johnson County CC, & Soka Performing Arts Ctr Center
- Recital appearances at SF Performances, UMS, Philadelphia CMS, Schubert Club, Wisconsin Union
- Rodrigo Concerto with Philadelphia Orch
- Tours of China, Norway & Sweden



SHARDS OF LIGHT

Featuring music from their new recording, "Shards of Light" is an exploration through a musical world where light, color and sound unite to create a uniquely immersive listening experience. Highlighted are Australian composer Philip Houghton, a musical alchemist and synesthete whose senses of color and sound are fused in his kinetic, rock-tinged "Opals", and Michael Hedges' "Aerial Boundaries", a portrait of sunlight filtered through moving clouds. Andrew York's brief "Hidden Realm of Light" explodes in a colorful electric charge, and Pat Metheny's "Road to the Sun" speaks for itself. In true LAGQ spirit, they weave in some of their own highly specialized renditions of their favorite classical selections. Optional multimedia presentation in development.

JOURNEY TO THE EAST

Reconnecting to the traditional styles that established them as masters of classical guitar, LAGQ traverses Eastern Europe with a spirited program of concert favorites. From the shores of the Danube to the vast Steppes of Russia, this program includes Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody #2 and Stravinsky's Pulcinella and likely features Bartok, Prokofiev, and young Bulgarian composer Ourkouzounov, along with gypsy folk music from Hungary and the Balkans.

AMERICAN GUITAR MASTERS

The Grammy-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet continues their exploration of music from around the globe, this time turning their focus towards some of the most innovative guitar masters from the US. The centerpiece of this program is a monumental new work written for them by jazz legend Pat Metheny: "Road to the Sun," a tone poem filled with his trademark grooves, haunting melodies, and rich extended harmonies. Tunes by artists as diverse as Chet Atkins, Hendrix, and Zappa will showcase LAGQ's stylistic range, and a set of "Country Classics" will certainly raise the barn. The program is rounded out with the lyrical "Chorale" by fingerstyle master Fred Hand.

(Sample programs only - exact works TBA)

Great events for the whole community:

LAGQ & GUITAR ORCHESTRA:

Programs feature Andy York's "BY CHANTS" (2017) on Native American themes or the inspiring "SHIKI" written by Shingo Fujii in response to the 2011 Japanese earthquake & tsunami, celebrating the human spirit.

LAGQ & CHOIR:

works by Nico Muhly, Sergio Assad, Reena Esmail and Kile Smith, among others

SPANISH ROMANCE:

Perfect for Valentine's Day, Summer Festivals or just a night on the town. Solo works by LAGQ set the mood, then guest Mezzo/ Flamenco Dancers join LAGQ for a sultry second half of de Falla Songs & El Amor Brujo.

POPULAR RECORDINGS

- ♦ "Shards of Light" (forthcoming 2020) ♦ "New Renaissance" (2015) ♦ "Interchange: Concertos by Rodrigo & Assad" (2010) ♦ "Brazil" (2007) ♦ "Spin" (2006) ♦ "Guitar Heroes" (2004) - GRAMMY Award Winner ♦ "Latin" (2002) - Surround Music Awards' *Best Made for Surround* & GRAMMY Nominated ♦

"The world's hottest classical ensemble or its tightest pop band? However it helps you to think about the LAGQ, keep the emphasis on superlatives for its unrivaled joy, technical elan and questing spirits."
—Los Angeles Times