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Sharon Isbin, guitar

Hailed as the pre-eminent guitarist of our time, multiple GRAMMY winner Sharon Isbin was named Musical America's Instrumentalist of the Year, the first guitarist in their 59-year award history and inducted into the 2023 Guitar Foundation of America's Hall of Fame. She has been soloist with over 200 orchestras, premiered over 80 works written for her by some of the world's finest composers, and given sold-out performances in celebrated halls across 40 countries. Winner of the Munich ARD, Madrid and Toronto Competitions, Germany's Echo Klassik, and Guitar Player's Best Classical Guitarist awards, she performed in Scorsese's Oscar-winning *The Departed*, the White House by invitation of President Obama, and as the only classical artist in the 2010 GRAMMY Awards. The documentary seen by millions on PBS and abroad, *Sharon Isbin: Troubadour*, won ASCAP's Television Broadcast Award. Latest in her discography of over 35 recordings include *Affinity* and *Strings for Peace* with Amjad Ali Khan, both named Best of 2020. Other titles include *Souvenirs of Spain & Italy* with the Pacifica Quartet, her GRAMMY-winning *Journey to the New World* with guest Joan Baez which spent 63 weeks on top Billboard charts, and her Latin GRAMMY-nominated disc with the New York Philharmonic, their only recording with guitar. Recent highlights include a commission for her by Carnegie Hall for its 125th anniversary, a 21-city *Guitar Passions* tour with jazz greats Stanley Jordan and Romero Lubambo, and a collaboration with Sting. She is the founding director of guitar departments at The Juilliard School and the Aspen Music Festival.

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