

# Greater Houston Guitar Guild

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## Special points of interest:

Kostelnik Concert

Featured Dealer

Meeting

Bustos Master class



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## January Guitar News

### Welcome to the Greater Houston Guitar Guild!

We are a not for profit club on our 4th season. Our mission is to support up-and-coming classical guitarists (and the occasional flamenco performers), local and state guitarists, and of course, whenever a famous guitarist comes to Texas, we are proud to have them come through our small club. We are invoking the 19th C Salon Concert atmosphere. The listener can

hear and see everything up close and personal. So far, we have managed to cover every one of our categories. Our spring season will start in January with **Steve Kostelnik**. February will have a meeting and March will have Isaac Bustos, professor at A&M give a master class. April is the fundraiser concert for the Classical Minds and in May will see virtuoso and fiery guitarist, **Matt Palmer**.

### Featured Artist:

Each month we will feature one local musician. This month we will feature a local guitar dealer!

### Texas Guitar Gallery



## Master class Scholarships and Artist Sponsorship

Many students who would like to perform for our guest artists in master classes or lessons cannot afford the fees.

Also, our guest artists often fly in to Houston and concert ticket fees

barely cover the cost of travel.

If you would like to sponsor one of these young aspiring students or guest artists, please contact Valerie Hartzell at [valeriehartzell@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriehartzell@yahoo.com)

We will mention your name in the next newsletter as a Young Artist Sponsor or Guest Artist Sponsor unless anonymity is preferred.



## **January Concert: Saturday, January 28th at 7:30pm**

We start the season with Texas based guitarist, **Steve Kostelnik** who is a professor at the prestigious Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. Steve is one of the foremost pedagogues in Texas and we are honored to start the spring season with this energetic and brilliant guitarist. Concert will be held at the Hartzell-Nejako residence. Tickets are \$12 students/senior citizens and \$15 Guild Members (or 2 for \$25), non members are \$18.

Dr. Kostelnik will give a master class at the Texas Guitar Gallery on Sunday, January 29th. The fee for 30 minutes is \$45, for 45 mins is \$60 and for an hour is \$80. Auditing is free.

For directions to the Gallery, to sign up for the class and to reserve your seat, please email at [valeriehartzell@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriehartzell@yahoo.com)

### **Featured Guitar Dealer:**

Claudio Zangirolami, **Texas Guitar Gallery**

Classical guitars, featuring Paracho's finest builders as well as luthiers from different areas of Latin America and North America.

Texas Guitar Gallery's mission is to provide the finest handmade classical guitars at the lowest possible prices, and to match players to the right instrument for them.

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### **FREE February Meeting:**

**On February 18th, at 5pm** GHGG member Margaret Proctor will be hosting a free meeting at her home in Richmond. Members will be able to play for each other in a friendly, warm environment. Bring food or wine or beer to contribute to the potluck socialization after the performances. Performers are asked to keep their limit to no more than 15 minutes so plenty of people can have their turn.

To RSVP and to get the address, please email [valeriehartzell@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriehartzell@yahoo.com)

## Texas Guitar Quartet Recording

### NEW RECORDING PROJECT:



Ever wanted to become involved in a recording project? Now you can! There's still time to donate!

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/txgq/txgq-debut-recording-needs-your-support>

The TXGQ's members are Isaac Bustos, Alejandro Montiel, Jonathan Dotson, and Joseph Williams. Isaac, Alejandro, and Jonathan have all performed for our guild. Also, all members have been on faculty at the yearly 'Classical Minds' Festival.

This project will only be funded if at least \$4,000 is pledged by Sunday **Jan 15**, 1:00pm EST.

They will record works by Albeniz (arr by Montiel), Yates' arr. of Bach's *Brandenburg Concert No. 3*, a world-premiere recording of Lhoyer's *Air Varie et Dialogue*, Bustos' arr. of Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, and Williams' own composition *Red*.

### MARCH Master Class featuring ISAAC BUSTOS:

Solo virtuoso, member of the prestigious Texas Guitar Quartet, and professor at Texas A&M University, **Dr. Bustos** will give a master class in March. We would like to make this a two day event, March 3rd and 4th but if not, then we will put everyone on Saturday, March 3rd.

If interested in the master class, please contact me at [valeriehartzell@yahoo.com](mailto:valeriehartzell@yahoo.com)

Fee: \$45 for 30 minutes, \$60 for 45 mins, and \$80 for an hour. Auditors pay \$5.



**GHGG's Director, Valerie Hartzell** has moved (temporarily) to Anchorage, Alaska (brrrrrr, average has been -5). Events will continue to go on in the spring thanks to co-directors Claudio, Eric, Jon, and Aquiles. Still working on the details regarding the fundraiser and where we will have Matt Palmer perform. I will updated the web site soon. I will keep sending the email reminders regarding events and sending out newsletters. Classical Minds will still happen at UH in June. I will be in town a LOT next semester, so I'll see you soon!!!

Warmest wishes!

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## More Concerts, Guitar Builders, & Dealers

### Need more guitar?

Go to <http://www.guitarhouston.org/>  
This year they have Jorge Caballero, 2010 GFA winner Johannes Moller, Pavel Steidl, Elena Papandreou, and Antonio-Kaliazine Duo

### CD Release:

*Ex Tenebris...Lux:* Valerie Hartzell's debut recording premieres new works for solo guitar by Olga Amelkina-Vera and Andy Mitchell. The disc also offers established guitar favorites by Tarrega, Ponce, Barrios, and John Anthony Lennon. To purchase the CD go to: [www.valeriehartzell.com](http://www.valeriehartzell.com) or you can buy it directly from Valerie.

- Need a guitar? **Texas Guitar Gallery** has fine instruments from Costa Rica, Mexico and Europe. Contact Claudio Zangirolami for more information: 281-578-7700 or email him at [txgg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:txgg@sbcglobal.net)
- **Aquiles Torres** from Venezuela lives in Katy, TX. Want a custom built guitar? Now you can meet and work with your luthier in your own town of Houston! Aquiles is a member of The Guild of American Luthiers. For more information on this master builder, go to <http://www.atorresguitars.com/> or email him at [aquilesth@yahoo.com](mailto:aquilesth@yahoo.com)
- Another master builder lives in the Clear Lake area. **Michael Surrency** has at LEAST a year waiting period, so contact him soon! Michael has built many classical and flamenco guitars for local classical guitar teachers in town including Andrea Cannon, Valdemar Phoenix, Valerie Hartzell, and many more! Call 281-488-2187.
- **Shadowfax Guitars**, handcrafted steel string, classical, and archtop guitars by Matthew Jacobs: 917-499-2112 or [matthewrjacobs@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewrjacobs@hotmail.com)