Washington Guitar Society

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DUO FIRENZE

Friday, March 15, 1996 8 p.m. **Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden** 2001 Columbia Pike Arlington, VA

As a soloist, performer of chamber music and concerti, Robert Trent has performed on the early 19th century guitar in North and South America and in Europe. He has performed and recorded with the Grove Guitar Quartet.

Performances have taken Pamela Swenson Trent throughout the United States and in Europe as pianist, fortepianist and organist. She has been an Artist-in-Residence in Minneapolis, and is a well-known teacher of Kindermusik. Pamela has studied with Seymour Bernstein and fortepianist Stephen Lubin and was formerly on the faculty of Westminister Choir College-Conservatory in Princeton, NJ. She currently is adjunct faculty on the music department of Radford University and is a busy accompanist for Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Trent has been a first prize winner in the Webb National Guitar Competition and the Masterworks Young Artist Competition. Duo Firenze was the prize winner at the Concorso Internazionale "Arturo Toscanini" in Italy.

Committed to teaching as well as performing, Dr. Trent, at the age of 21, was formerly director of guitar studies at Westminister Choir College-Conservatory and Trenton State College. In past summers he and Pamela Swenson Trent have been in residence as performers and teachers in period instrument performance practice at the "Accademia L'Ottocento" in Rome and Verbania. He was recently one of fifty Fellows selected internationally to participate in the 1994 Aston Magna Academy.

Dr. Trent is the first recipient of the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University and is currently Director of Guitar Studies at Radford University.

"His interpretations are dignified, formal, and carefully thought out, with a sense of structural integrity that informs every passing tone." New York Times

"A seasoned artist strums the depths (headline)" "..he seemed most intent on using his sweet, crystalline sound to plumb the emotional depths of each work." Philadelphia Inquirer

See Calendar of Events for further details.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Washington Guitar Society continues to grow in its role to serve the Washington guitar community. We have free performances and workshops in the public library system as well as our concert series at a very affordable \$7. Our bi-monthly newsletter is our tool to inform you as to what is taking place in the Washington area. We have only been able to present these fine programs to you because of those who are willing to donate their time and energies. So a special thanks goes out to all of you who help us out. To find out about what events are coming your way, see the calendar of events in this issue!

Please read the article about the Membership Directory. This will be a valued tool to our membership! If you want to be in the directory, you must be a member, so join or renew your membership today!

If you are a current member, you should be getting a membership card with this edition. If you did not receive it, please contact me so that we can get one out to you. The membership card will give you discounts to WGS events as well as other benefits from time to time. The idea is that your membership will pay for itself with the savings you get from it.

The Washington Guitar Scene is booming right now and it is a very exciting thing to be a part of. This is only happening because people like you support it. Thanks.

Before I conclude this address, I would like to give a big thanks to Tom Cole who informs the public about guitar every single week on his show G Strings, Sundays from 9-12 on 89.3 FM, WPFW. He has been a big help to the WGS and if you are not familiar with his show, tune in. You might just enjoy yourself!

WGS HELP WANTED

The WGS could use some help in the following areas:

Phone Tree: To call other members to make sure we have accurate information for the Membership Directory. If interested, call Kevin Vigil at (703) 644-1659.

Food Donations: To bring reception food to WGS concerts. If interested, call Michael Bard (301) 921-9744.

Calendar of Events Editor: This is a very important position! The WGS is in need of an individual who will not only take phone calls and mail from people informing dust about guitar related events, but will also look out for events. We missed a few very important concerts in our last edition. It should not happen again. If interested, call Kevin Vigil (703) 644-1659.

WGS ON LINE

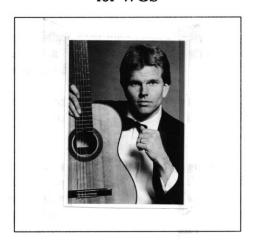
Thanks to Baltimore Classical Guitar Society (BCGS) president Jim Fortier, the Washington Guitar Society is on the World Wide Web! I hope for the WGS to have its own web site by Fall, but in the meantime we are on thanks to the kindness of Jim. If you want to find the WGS, you must first go to the BCGS home page-http://www.charm.net/"fortier/bcgs.htm/ from there, simply click on Concerts in Washington, DC Area. There will be a listing of the John E. Marlow Series followed by the Washington Guitar Society Series.

Another place where we appear is in a listing of Guitar Societies around the world. The address ishttp://www.teleport.com/"kevinf/guitsoc.html. This is put together by Kevin Ferguson.

If you would like to e-mail the Washington Guitar Society, you may do so at **WGS001@aol.com**. See you on the net!

Kevin Vigil

WILLIAM FEASLEY PERFORMS for WGS



Friday, April 19, 1996 8 p.m. Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden 2001 Columbia Pike Arlington, VA

William Feasley, born in Roseburg, Oregon, was the first guitarist to receive the Peabody Conservatory's coveted Artist Diploma. Selected to play for Andres Segovia at the Master's historic last class, he was later featured on the CBS special Eulogy of Segovia. Since making his debut in 1980 with the San Francisco Ballet, where he performed Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez for Lou Christianson's Ballet, Don Juan, Mr. Feasley has concertized extensively in the United States and abroad. Recent tours have included The Kennedy Center, The National Gallery of Art, The Phillips Gallery, New Zealand, Spain, Eastern Europe, Iceland and Greece. Mr. Feasley is Artist-in-Residence at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and is a faculty member of The Levine School of Music in Washington, DC.

"Feasley's guitar sounded, in the words of Segovia, 'like a small orchestra'".

The Washington Post

"William Feasley, while not deliberately setting out to fascinate the audience, succeeds in doing just that...the whole recital was consumed as a glass of sparkling spring water on a hot summer's night..."

Politika Ekspres, Belgrade

Mr. Feasley will be playing works by Couperin, Rodrigo, Blow, Harris, Tedesco and others.

See Calendar of Events for details.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Washington Guitar Society is finally going to print its first membership directory. It will be sent out to members along with the next edition of the WGS newsletter. The directory will not only have names and addresses, but it will also indicate whether the member is a guitar music lover, performer, student, luthier, hobbiest, interested in playing in ensembles, etc...It should prove to be a great tool for networking among the membership. Updates to the directory will take the form of an insert to following newletters to be mailed only to the membership.

You will probably receive a call from a WGS volunteer or officer withing the next month or so. This call will be to insure accuracy. If you wish not to be included in the directory or that your phone number or address not be published, please send your request in writing to: Washington Guitar Society, PO Box 3120, Arlington, VA 22203.

International Artists Alliance
Presents

DUO BOZZA

(From Germany)

Andres Evers, Flute Stephan Schafer, Guitar

Ernesto Farago, Violin, Guest Artist

Wednesday, March 27, 1996 at 8 p.m.

Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden 2001 Columbia Pike, Arlington

Tickets: \$9 Adults, \$7 WGS Members \$16 Family

For info: (703)451-1662

Reception - Refreshments

JASON VIEAUX REVIEW Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden February 16, 1996

Although the weather was not very inviting that evening, twentyone year old Jason Vieaux gave a memorable concert for the lucky few who attended.

Vieaux's stellar technique, musical sensitivity and ease with every piece he performed made for a convincing and enjoyable program.

He began with the Prelude, Fugue, and Allegro BWV 998 by J.S. Bach. An admittedly difficult piece, Vieaux's interpretation was confident and mature. Three twentieth century works followed: Quatre Pieces Breves by Frank Martin, Variations on a Moldavian Hora by Ian Krouse, and Julian Orbon's Preludio y Danza. These works fit together quite well, all possessing exotic mysterious elements which Vieaux executed with conviction and first-rate musicianship.

The second half of the performance began with Etude Nos. 8, 1, 4, and 5 by 19th century Italian composer/guitarist Giulio Regondi. Vieaux acknowledged these delightful pieces as being a "real find" for the guitar repertoire and after hearing him play them I most certainly agree. Drei Tentos (from Kammermusik 1958) by Hans Werner Henze came next. The composition is a collection of three vignettes originally intended to be performed in a small ensemble setting, later fitted for solo guitar by the composer. (Vieaux told me after the concert that it is one of the best modern pieces written for the guitar and one of his personal favorites to play).

The concert ended with a bang- Manuel Ponce's Sonatina Meridional, a virtuosic and harmonically intriguing three movement work which Vieaux performed with vigor and impeccable musicianship. His encore was a flashy Latin American dance piece which brought to a close a wonderful evening of music.

I've seen Jason perform on two other occasions. First in an Elliot Fisk master class when he was just thirteen and then during his recent 1993 GFA 1st Prize Winner Concert tour of the US and France. I can confidently say that he has improved immeasurably from an already good player to a player whose artistry is comparable to the great ones — and he's only twentyone!

Michael Bard

THE GREAT VERMEER LETDOWN

The Johannes Vermeer exhibit which ended recently at the National Gallery of Art was Washington's fourth-ever massively popular art show. If you managed to make it (and even more certainly if you didn't) you did not see his famous painting "The Guitar Player" (also called "Girl With A Guitar") showing a girl playing a moderately ornate Baroque guitar. Frederic Grunfeld proclaims the work "easily the most important of all seventeenth-century guitar pictures." The exhibit included 21 of the 35 extant Vermeers. However these apparent three-to-two odds in favor of the guitar doll are pipped by the more fundamental "all life is six-to five against", as Damon Runyon will say, and the young Judy does not make an appearance. (Several musical instruments are in the show, but no guitars.) Thus, we are forced to continue applying our imagination to the shrunken, black-and-white reproduction in Grunfeld's "The Art And Times of the Guitar" (p117), or Tom and Mary Evans' "Guitar" (p142).

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads are free to WGS members. To place an ad, just send it to Rob Nathan, 11346 Palisades Ct., Kensington, MD 20895, or call at (301) 929-6849.

Guitar Ensemble Opportunity - Seeking individuals for meeting regularly to read and prepare performances of music for three guitars. Call for further discussion. Bev Ross (301) 927-7833.

Mikael Roberts Concert Guitar, Spruce Top, Rosewood Sides and Back. \$5,500. Call Jay Kauffman (212) 666-5761.

Ooh, that hurts!

A nasty joke found on the internet:

- Q. What's it mean when a guitarist drools from both sides of his mouth?
- A. The stage is level.

(That can't mean us, can it?)

"I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" arr. by Vahdah Olcott Bickford

This piece comes from a 1949 collection called "Album Of Negro Spirituals", transcribed by American guitar pioneer Vahdah Olcott Bickford. Volume 1 contains 11 spirituals, 4 of which are arranged for 2 guitars. The collection contains such familiar spirituals as "Joshua Fit De Battle of Jerico", "Go Down Moses", "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", etc. Here is a less familiar one.

I have fully fingered the piece. The fingerings do not necessarily observe the published fingerings. All position changes are indicated - either by an explicit position indicator (such as C7), or by a guide finger dash. C7 implies position only; not barre. -3 implies guide finger only; not glissando. Use white-out to neatly change fingerings you don't like.

For the sake of playability I leave out a few unimportant notes. These are recognizable by the ommission of a finger number within a chord. See, for example, measure 5 beat 1 and measure 26 beat 3. It seems likely that the 16th notes in measure 18 are connected by glissandos.

The album is in the collection of the Library of Congress, and thanks is extended to them and to you and me who foot the bill. The copyright for the publication expired when it was not renewed after its initial 28-year period. Anyone who is interested in some or all of it may feel free to contact me rather than pester the Library of Congress.

Don Sauter

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray



THE	WASHINGTON (GUITAR SCENE	Vicende Asencio (1908-1979)	•	Danza del Canyanelar	Moun	Jad Azkoul at Vernon Unitarian Church
JEREMY CASTILLO, guitar			THE ALEXANDRIA GUITAR QUARTET			There Engles	Feb.24, 1996 Feremando Sor
for WGS 2 December, 1995					VGS November 3, 1995	Three Etudes Five Preludes	Heitor Villa-Lobos
Praludium - Presto (1685-17		Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)	The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba		G.F. Handel (1685-1759)	Lagrima Francisco Adelita	Таттеда
	Allemande Bourree		Pacific Coast Hi		Andrew York	Capricho Arabe	
		Augustin Barrios Mangore (1885-1944)	Lachrimae Antiquae Pavin The Earl of Essex Galliard Tapestries		John Dowland (1563-1626) Will Ayton	Elegia Constellations	Armand Coeck
Danza Caracteristica Leo Brouwer		Leo Brouwer	A Suite for Four Guitars		Will Ayou	Torre Bermeja Granada	Issac Albeniz
		(b. 1939)	One Dynamic M Prelude		Oliver Bensa Jorge Morel	Asturias	
El Testamend d'Amelia (1878-1938)		,	Rumba Bantu		Stepan Rak Andrew York	ſ	Jason Vicaux for WGS, Feb. 16, 1996
Etude des arpeges Heitor Villa-Lobos Pretude No. 1 in E minor (1887-1959)		Shenandoah Suite+ Glenn Smith Fantany in the Woods		Glenn Smith	Prelude, Fugue and Allegro	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)	
MANUEL BARRUECO, guitar Evensong at Spencerville		Indian Burial Grounds Riverboat Float			Quatre Pieces Breves Prelude - Air - Plainte - Comme	Frank Martin (1890-1974)	
January 27, 1996			I as Abaiamana	Massanutten Mountain	Bryan Johanson	une Gigue Variations on a Moldavian Hora	Ian Krouse
Sonata in G Min	nor BWV 1001	J.S. Bach	Los Abejarucos	ALDO	LAGRUTTA, guitar		(1956-)
	Adagio (1685-1750) Fuga Siciliana			for the John	E. Marlow Recital Series Feb. 23, 1996	Preludio y Danza Etudes 8,1,4,5	Julian Orbon (1925-1992) Giulio Regondi
0 i P34-i	Preseto	D. Scarlatti	Homage to John		Antonio Lauro Fantasia	Eddes 6,1,4,5	(1822-1872)
	or K.380, L.23 jor K.208, L.238 jor K.209,L.428	(1685-1757)	Pavara: Giga			Drei Tentos (from Kammermusik 1958)	Hans Werner Henze (1926-)
"La Catedral"	Preludio Andante Religioso Allegro Soleme	Barrios (1885-1944)	Suite Venezuol: Prelud Danza Cancio Valse	io-registro Negra	•	Sonatina Meridional Campo - Copla - Fiesta	Manuel M. Ponce (1882-1948)
Choros No.1	Five Preludes	H. Villa Lobos (1887-1959)	Sonata Allegro		"		Kevin Vigil ndoah Conservatory, Feb. 21
Tres Piezas Esp	Tres Piezas Espanolas J. Rodrigo Fandango (b.1902)		Cancion Bolera			Northern Virginia Community College Manassas, Feb. 25	
	Passacaglia Zapateado	(0.1902)	Four Venezuela		n	Tres Apuntes	Leo Brouwer
Lucy In the Sky With Diamonds Lennon/McCartney arr. John Bayless		Maria Carolina El Nino Natalia El Marabino			De el Homenaje a Pali De unfragmento instrui Sobre un canto de Bulg	a (b. 1939) mental	
Manuel Barruece, guitar John E. Marlow Guitar Recital Series			Seis Por De Recho		64	Etudes 1,7,8 & 11	Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)
October 28, 1995		995	FALLA GUITAR TRIO Terry Graves, Kenton Youngstrom, and Dusan Bogdanovic			Five Bagatelles 1. Allegro 2. Lento	William Walton (1902-1983)
Adagio (1685 Fuga		J.S. Bach (1685-1750)			9, 1996,Strathmore Hall	3. Alla Cubana4.5. Con Slancio	
P-1	Siciliana Presto nox T. Takemitsu		Miller's Dance		Malluel de Falla (1876-1946) arr. Ian Krouse Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)	Three Cameos for Guitar (World Premier) Adagietto	James Park (b. 1942)
Equinox		T. Takemitsu Sonata in G, BWV 1038 (b.1930) Largo Vivace Adagio		Largo Vivace	Johan Scoadan Davi (1003-1750)	Moderato Vivo	
Valses Poestico	os .	E. Granados (1897-1916)	Presto Spanish Dances		Enrique Granados (1867-1916)	Reflections of a Riot The Riot "Please, can't we all get along?"	Kevin Vigil (b. 1966)
Sonata in C Ma	jor (BWV 1005) Adagio	J.S. Bach	Youngstrom		arr. Terry Graves and Kenton	Creeds	
	Fuga allabreve Largo Allegro assai			No. 5 - Andantino, quasi A No. 2 - Andante ("Oriental" No. 6 - Jota		Sardis Memories of Sardis Lake	
	IGNACIO RODE	S, guitar	Fandango		Padre Antonio Soler (1729-1783) arr. Krouse	Shenandoah	Robert Beaser (b. 1954)
for WGS October 13, 1995		Pastorale		Dusan Bogdanovic (b. 1955)	Roberto Au Sat., Februar	ssel	
John Dowland (1563-1626)		Four Elizabethan Pieces Prelude A Fancy	Excursions, Op	. 20 mpoAllegro molto	Samuel Barber (1910-1981) arr. YoungstromUn poco allegro	L Suite No. 25 (l'infidele)	Silvius Leopoldus Weiss
		A Pancy Sir John Smith, his almain Fantasie	Three Straws		Bogdanovic arr. Youngstrom and Bogdanovic	Courante Sarabande Menuet	(1686-1750)
Johann Sebastia (1685-1750)	an Bach	Sonata in C Major, BWV 1005 Adagio Fuga		Moderato deciso Adagio dolce Allegro molto		Musette Paysanne	
		Largo Allegro assai	Jazz Selections Dance of the M		Various Composers de Falla	II. Four Sonatas K. 14 K. 32	Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
Stephen Dodgson Partita n.1 for Guitar (1924) Allegretto con moto Molto Vivace			brero de Tres Picos		K. 32 K. 395 K. 391		
		Adagio Allegro				III Gran Obertura, Op. 61	Mauro Giuliani (1781-1828)
Joaquin Turina Garrotin (1882-1949) Soleares Fandanguillo Sevillana			×		IV. Variations on a Theme of Dja		
						Sarabande, Gigue, Intermezzo	Astor Piazzolla
E. Granados (1867-1916)		Two Spanish Dances Zarabanda				V. Quatre Pieces Campero Compadre Romantico Acemtuado	(b. 1935)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See county The right for listings of WGS Programs and WGS Concert Series

March 2 (Saturday) 2 pm - WGS Ensemble Session. This will be a session where interested individuals bring their guitars to rehearse ensemble music to a performance level and finish with a recording of the work. The parts are easy and the session will be lots of fun! Bethesda Public Library, 7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD. FREE.

March 8 (Friday) 8 p.m. - Washington Guitar Quintet, George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium. This concert was originally scheduled for February 3, but was postponed due to weather. Tickets previously purchased are still valid. Tickets \$18 at TICKET place. Also at Ticket Master, phone charge (202) 432-SEAT and (301) 808-6900. Student tickets \$10 at Marvin Center Newsstand & TICKET place.

March 9 (Saturday) 8 p.m. - **Duo Con Brio**, Kevin Vigil (guitar) Barbara Vigil (flute) will be playing at the Friends of the Little Falls Public Library at the Little Falls Public Library, 5501 Massachusetts Ave. Bethesda, MD. Free. For info call Susan Schmidt, President (301)229-4374 or Dave Muse, Librarian (301)320-4800.

March 12 (Tuesday) 8 p.m. - **Duo Con Brio**, Kevin Vigil (guitar) Barbara Vigil (flute), The US Army Band's Winter/Spring Brucker Hall Concert and Recital Series. At Ft. Myer, Brucker Hall, Building 400. For information: (703)696-3399. BandLINK: http://www.army.mil/armyband/home.htm. Free and open to the public. Free parking.

March 15 (Friday) 8 pm - **Duo Firenze** Robert Trent (guitar) Pamela Swenson Tren (fortepiano) presented by the WGS. Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden, 2001 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. Reception to follow performance. Tickets: \$10 for General Public, \$7 WGS Members. Tickets available at the Guitar Shop, 1216 Connecticut Ave., NW. To reserve tickets, call Kevin Vigil at (703) 644-1659.

March 26 (Tuesday) 7-10 pm. - Manuel Barrueco Masterclass at the Peabody Conservatory in Leakin Hall, Baltimore, MD. For information call Peabody Conservatory.

March 27 (Wednesday) 8 p.m. - **Duo Bozza**, Andreas Evers (flute) and Stephan Schafer (guitar) from Germany will be presented by International Artist Alliance at the Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden, 2001 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. \$10 - General, \$7 Students and WGS members.

March 29 (Friday) 8 pm - **David Perry** voice and guitar presented by the International Conservatory of Music's John E. Marlow Recital Series. Womens club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. For further information, call Tim Healy at (301) 654-6874.

April 6 (Saturday) 2 pm - **Tim Evans** presented by the WGS. Little Falls Public Library, 5501 Mass. Ave., Bethesda, MD. Show up at 1 pm for the WGS Open Stage Hour and bring your guitar! Free and open to the public. For information call Don at (301) 577-5589.

April 12 (Friday) 8 pm - Berta Rojas presented by the International

Conservatory of Music's John E. Marlow Recital Series. Womens club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD. For further information, call Tim Healy at (301) 654-6874.

April 13 (Saturday) - Manuel Barrueco, with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center for the Concert Society of Maryland in College Park, MD. They will be playing a new piece commissioned for the tour by the CMS of Lincoln Center: Sextet for Guitar, Flute and Strings by Kenny Frazelle. Then flutist Ransom Wilson and Mr. Barrueco will play together the Historie du Tango by Piazolla and the Mozart Sonata in C Major.

April 13 (Saturday) 8 pm- Jad Azkoul at The Theatre in Little Washington. Pre-concert talk at 7:30. For information, call (703) 534-9390.

April 14 (Sunday) - Jad Azkoul in a house recital. SOLD OUT.

April 19 (Friday) - William Feasley presented by the WGS. Dorchester Tower Rooftop Garden, 2001 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA. Reception to follow performance. Tickets: \$10 for General Public, \$7 WGS Members. Tickets available at the Guitar Shop, 1216 Connecticut Ave., NW. To reserve tickets, call Kevin Vigil at (703) 644-1659.

April 20 (Saturday) 3 pm - Jad Azkoul presented by the American University of Berut Alumni Association Baltimore Chapter at The Chapel of the University Baptist Church, 3501 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD. Works on program by Villa-Lobos, Schule, Albeniz and others. Tickets: \$20 for General Public and \$15 for Students and Seniors. Available at the door. For further information, call (410) 583-1566.

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