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## **Risa Carlson Performs for WGS Friday, April 21**

Since beginning her study of the guitar at age six, Risa Carlson has brought her dynamic and lyrical performance to stages across the United States, including appearances for President and Mrs. Clinton, at the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress and for the Washington Guitar Society here in D.C., in Columbia Artist Management Hall of New York City, at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, at the National Guitar Summer Workshop in Connecticut, for the Miami Classical Guitar Society, and at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.



A young musician of diverse talents, Risa Carlson frequently joins other musicians to perform in chamber ensembles, including the acclaimed Duo Virago with flutist Alison Potter, the New Horizons Contemporary Music Ensemble, the Peabody Renaissance Ensemble (where she plays both lute and baroque guitar), the Peabody Camerata, and Baltimore Concert Artists. She has premiered several works, including Michael Daugherty's *I Loved Lucy* and Paul Mathews' *devil gits sat on*, both for flute and guitar.

Risa has distinguished herself with many top prizes at numerous solo and chamber music competitions, such as the 1995 and 1997 Baltimore Chamber Music Award and the 1994 and 1995 National Guitar Summer Workshop Competition.

Risa Carlson is currently on the guitar faculty of the Levine School of Music where she will be co-directing the Levine School Guitar Festival 2000. She is a Visiting Artist of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's educational outreach program Arts Excel. Risa received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland under the tutelage of world-renown concert artist Manuel Barrueco. She has also studied with Ray Chester, and her father, guitarist Bill Carlson. Later this season, Risa will be joining the

Baltimore Concert Artists in several concerts honoring the late Astor Piazzolla and other tango composers. She will also appear at the Phillips Collection Sunday Concert Series.

Risa's performance for the WGS will take place on Friday, April 21 at 8:00 pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW. It's just south of Chevy Chase Circle at the corner of Connecticut Ave. and McKinley St., across the street from the Avalon movie theater. There is plenty of free parking.

## **WGS Members Recital Friday, March 17**

That's right... it's time to build up your courage and play for your fellow guitarists at the upcoming members recital. This is the perfect opportunity for all you amateurs and students to try out those pieces that you've been working so hard on. Share your playing with others like yourself.

If you don't want to play solo.... get a duet partner, form a trio or quartet. Bring a non-guitarist musician to perform with you. All are welcome.

If you don't feel like playing, you may still enjoy the fun as a bunch of fun loving, adrenaline addicts walk out on stage to perform.

This members recital will take place on Friday, March 17 at 7:30 pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW. It's just south of Chevy Chase Circle at the corner of Connecticut Ave. and McKinley St., across the street from the Avalon movie theater. There is plenty of free parking. If you are interested in performing, call WGS president John Rodgers at (202) 686-1020.

## **From the President**

I'm very pleased to announce that our new meeting place is now open to us. The Chevy Case Community Center is at 5601 Connecticut Ave., NW. Phone number: 202/282-2204. It's just south of Chevy Chase Circle at the corner of Connecticut Ave. and McKinley St., across the street from the Avalon movie theater. There is plenty of free parking and a friendly, helpful staff. This building has been closed for more than a year for extensive renovations, and it's really nice. Many thanks fo the DC Dept. of Recreation and Parks for making it available for our use

*John Rodgers*

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