



THE LATINO ARTS  
STRINGS PROGRAM  
PRESENTS

# THE ANNUAL GUITAR FESTIVAL

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**Dear Guitarists, Teachers, Enthusiasts, and Friends,**

The Latino Arts Strings Program is delighted to invite classical guitarists of all ages and enthusiasts of classical guitar music to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Arts Strings Program (LASP) Guitar Festival and Youth Competition.

**We are excited to inform you that the LASP 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Guitar Festival and Youth Competition will take place VIRTUALLY this year!** This will give us the opportunity to find reach even more young guitarists who may want to compete, but would not be able to travel to Wisconsin.

**The festival will be divided into three Saturdays:**

- Competition Video Submission Deadline: **2/13/2021**
- Master Classes and Workshops: **2/20/2021**
- Virtual Concert Performance: **2/27/2021**

The 2021 LASP Classical Guitar Youth Competition intends to provide young musicians ages 8-18 with an opportunity to exhibit their talent and reward their hard work, as well as to encourage them to appreciate music from different cultural origins. We wish to encourage new generations of young guitarists to:

- Explore and discover the pleasures of playing classical guitar
- Experience a regional competition at a youth level
- Play for world class judges
- Share the stage with renowned world class guitarists
- Connect with our guest artists through master classes
- Enjoy workshops and other activities with other young guitarists.

A panel of local and international classical guitarists will select one winner from each level, Intermediate and Advanced. The winners of the competition will be featured at the Virtual Guitar Festival Concert. They will also receive cash and other prizes donated by our sponsors. For more details, see the attached guidelines and judging procedures form.

All youth competitors will have access to all parts of the 2021 LASP Guitar Festival including entry into the Youth Competition, Virtual Master Class with guest artists, workshops, and access to the Virtual Guitar Festival Concert for only \$30.

\*Youth interested in viewing only the master classes & workshops and the Guitar Festival Concert will be able to purchase a package that includes both events for \$15.

To register for the Youth Competition, please visit <http://www.latinartsinc.org/strings-program/annual-guitar-festival-and-competition/>.

**Application Deadline: February 13, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. CST;** do not miss your chance for this unique opportunity!

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

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Latino Arts Strings Program Director

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