



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 9th Annual Latino Arts Strings Program (LASP) Guitar Festival and Youth Competition.

We are excited to inform you that the LASP 9th Annual Guitar Festival and Youth Competition will take place VIRTUALLY this year followed by an IN-PERSON Evening Concert featuring the Video Submissions of the Competition winners followed by a performance by Ivan Resendiz! This will give us the opportunity to reach even more young guitarists who may want to compete, but would not be able to travel to Wisconsin.

The festival schedule will run as follows:

- Competition Video Submission Deadline: **2/1/22**
- Virtual Master Classes and Workshops: **2/5/22**
- In-Person Concert Performance: **2/5/22**

The 2022 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
- Connect with our guest artists through virtual master classes and workshops

A panel of local and international classical guitarists will select one winner from each level, Intermediate and Advanced. The video submissions of the winners of the competition will be featured at the 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 2022 LASP Guitar Festival including entry into the Virtual Youth Competition, Virtual Master Class with guest artists, Virtual workshops, and admission to the IN-PERSON Guitar Festival Concert for only \$30.

Youth interested in attending only the Master Class and the Guitar Festival Concert will get a unique chance to experience the Virtual Concert for only \$15.

To register for the Youth Competition, please visit <http://www.latinoartsinc.org/strings-program/annual-guitar-festival-and-competition/>. Video submissions must be received by February 1, 2022 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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Guitar Festival Coordinator