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Unplucked Gems (and more)

Dear Subscribers,

We have added an event taking place next week, a talk by **Emma Rush** titled **“Unplucked Gems: Women in the 19th Century Guitar World” (Feb.27th)**. We’d also like to share with you info about the Victoria Guitar Society’s upcoming concert featuring **Johan Smith (Feb.26th)**. Finally, a **video of the VCGS amateur ensemble** from last weeks Open-Stage and another reminder about our concert featuring the **Canadian Guitar Quartet (Mar.18th)**.

More info below. Hope to see you at some of these dates!
Alec and the VCGS Team

Unplucked Gems: Women in the 19th Century Guitar World

February 27th - 1 PM - Via Zoom

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Emma Rush discusses the lives and works of rarely heard composers from the 19th century including Emilia Giuliani Guglielmi, Catharina Pratten, Julia Piston, and Delores de Goñi. ([read more](#))

Register to watch online via Zoom, or come join a group of us to watch via projector at the Canadian Music Centre.

[Read More/Register](#)

Canadian Guitar Quartet

March 18th - 7:00 PM (Pre-concert at 6:15)
In person at Pyatt Hall or watch the Livestream

Experience the Canadian Guitar Quartet, one of the finest guitar ensembles in the world.

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“Stunning, mesmerizing, inventive” ... just some of the accolades the **Canadian Guitar Quartet** has earned since they were formed more than 20 years ago. From one standing ovation to the next, the CGQ has established a reputation as one of the finest guitar ensembles in the world. The Vancouver Classic Guitar Society presents these four guitar virtuosos in concert Friday, March 18th at Pyatt Hall, Vancouver.

The quartet is Louis Trépanier and Renaud Côté-Giguère along with newer members Christ Habib and Jérôme Ducharme. “I love guitar in all forms, but I feel I can achieve its highest standard in a group, pushing and surprising one another like a string quartet,”

For their first concert series in nearly two years, The Canadian Guitar Quartet brings together a collection of exciting new works and well-loved melodies. Hear the first movement of Mozart’s Sonata K. 448, originally for two pianos and great Brazilian melodies composed by Bossa Nova super stars Luis Bonfá and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Immerse yourself in an emotionally charged moodscape with Empty Houses, by current CGQ member Renaud Côté-Giguère, plus three virtuosic original works for guitar quartet including a triptych homage to composers Chopin, Piazzolla, and Bach, by Canadian composer (and former member of the CGQ), Patrick Roux.

The CGQ has released four critically acclaimed CDs and are preparing to record their next CD.

[Buy Tickets](#)

Local Listings

Victoria Guitar Society Presents: Johan Smith

February 26th, 3:30 PM - First Church of Christ, Scientist, Victoria, BC



Swiss classical guitarist, [Johan Smith](#), is a highly acclaimed, illustrious musician, bringing virtuosic interpretations to his instrument. Winner of the prestigious Guitar Foundation of America (GFA) competition in 2019 and defined as the "Classical Guitar Revelation 2017" by the notable French magazine "Guitare Classique", Johan Smith has become one of the most prominent names in the world of classical guitar. ([read more](#)).

Info/tickets

VAYA International Music Festival: Spring 2022



Registration for this years VAYA International Music Festival open from now until March 1st.

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VCGS Amateur Ensemble

We hope you enjoy this little highlight from last weeks Open Stage featuring the VCGS amateur ensemble conducted by Luis Medina with the help of Daniel Cheung and Christian Richardson. Big thank you to Francis Lumibao for capturing the video for our event.

Our next session begins in April. If you are interested in joining the ensemble please visit our webpage for more info.

[Ensemble Info](#)



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