

Musical Arts International, Inc celebrate 20th anniversary

Atlantic Guitar Quartet

Kevin Shannon, Mark Edwards, Zoë Johnstone Stewart, Jonahan Zwi

Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 3PM

Q&A time, Reception Follows

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Calvary Lutheran Church – 9545 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910

Atlantic Guitar Quartet is a contemporary music ensemble dedicated to promoting the music of living composers. Through virtuosic performances, innovative programming and collaborations with other visual and performing artists, AGQ has broadened the repertoire for – and the definition of – the classical guitar quartet. In this concert, they will also include some traditional Quartet music and Holiday favorites.

Each of them has enjoyed extensive solo performing and teaching careers since receiving advanced degrees from the Peabody Conservatory. As a group, AGQ has performed as part of the Evolution Contemporary Music series, the Spring Stage Performances series, Salisbury University, York College of Pennsylvania, Harford



Community College and the Jordan Faye Contemporary Art Gallery. They have been artists-in-residence at the Engineers Club of the Garret-Jacobs Mansion in Baltimore since 2010. In addition to their performances, the quartet has also been invited to teach master classes and workshops at Salisbury University and the Atlantic Guitar Ensemble Festival. AGQ has been proactive in expanding the repertoire of the classical guitar quartet by commissioning new works. With major institutional support by the Presser Foundation and the Peabody Conservatory, AGQ has premiered pieces by American composers. **Kevin Shannon** received a Masters of Music and Graduate Performance Diploma from the Peabody Institute,

where was the Graduate Assistant to Julian Gray, and awarded Peabody Career Development Grant. **Mark Edwards** has been hailed as a player who “transfers to another zone, effortlessly strumming, plucking and picking a variety of classical master pieces with clarity.” (Montgomery Advertiser). **Zoë Johnstone Stewart** is an active performer and educator in the Baltimore area. As a solo artist, she has performed throughout the U.S. Canada and Italy. Currently at the Peabody Conservatory, **Jonathan Zwi** is the graduate assistant in guitar to Manuel Barrueco and in Musicology to Dr. Elizabeth Tolbert. He was the recipient of the Richard Franko Goldman Prize for Performance as well as the Presser Foundation Award. He completed his master’s degree under the guidance of Ray Chester and is currently a doctoral candidate under Manuel Barrueco.

Program: Traditional Guitar Quartet music by Brouwer, Satie, Josquindes Prez, Arvo part, Fred Frith, new premiere and holiday favorites, audience participation and singing

**For reservations and tickets, including 2 concert discounts in 2015, please call 301-933-3715.
Tickets: Adult \$20, Student/Senior \$15**

10% discount at Zensai Sushi, 301-588-3588, Charm Thai, 301-495-6308 in Silver Spring & Seven Seas Restaurant 301-770-5020 in Rockville on the concert day with your ticket

March 14, 2015: Katherine Murdock & Mark Hill viola and oboe Duo, 8pm in Rockville. May 17, 2015; Atlantic Reed Consort, 3pm in Silver Spring

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