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Five Towns College presents its
5th Annual Fall Festival of Guitar
Oct. 21st through the 24th



A weekend of wonderful Jazz, Acoustic and Classical guitar performance, workshops and clinics for guitar players, students, teachers and enthusiasts

Tuesday, September 14, 2010, Dix Hills, New York -- Five Towns College will present the *5th Annual Fall Festival of Guitar* from Oct. 21st through 24th. This always popular, 4-day event will offer a full schedule of wonderful Jazz, Acoustic and Classical guitar performances, workshops and clinics designed to educate, celebrate and entertain guitar players, students, teachers and other guitar enthusiasts.

Thursday, Oct. 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, in the Downbeat Café, Five Towns College's own professors **Peter Rogine and Steven Gleason** will give a **faculty workshop** on guitar. This event is free to the public.

Friday, Oct 22 at noon, on the main stage, there will be a **guitar/voice performance clinic** with **Michele Ramo** playing the eight-string guitar and vocalist **Heidi Hepler**. This event is also free.

Friday, Oct 22 at 7:30 pm, the College will present ***The Art of Fusion Guitar*** featuring **Chieli Manucci** of the fusion ensemble **Special EFX**, and Long Island guitar favorite **Steve Briody** on the main stage. This performance's opening ensemble will feature the **Suffolk County Community College Guitar Ensemble** conducted by professor Michael Belajonis. Tickets are \$15.

Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 pm, Jazz guitar legend **Gene Bertoncini and Friends** will perform on the main stage, where Mr. Bertoncini will be honored with Five Towns College's prestigious President's Award. Featured performers will include acoustic guitar master **Muriel Anderson** and Five Towns College

professor **Gerry Saulter** on guitar with **Michelle LaPorte** on flute. The opening ensemble will be the **Douglas MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble** conducted by Brian LaClair. Tickets for this event are \$20.

Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2:00 pm, there will be a **Celebration of Andres Segovia** featuring classical guitar master **Anton Del Forno**, a prominent guitar virtuoso and acclaimed performer of the classical and modern guitar heard on many recordings and on radio and television. Andres Segovia (1893-1987) was the outstanding classical guitarist of the 20th century. Though not known as a composer, many composers wrote guitar parts with Segovia in mind, and he translated many older guitar classics to other instruments during his long career. The afternoon celebration will also include a **brief lecture and biographical presentation** of the legendary Segovia by professor **Gerry Saulter**. The opening ensemble will be the **Five Towns College Classical Guitar Ensemble** under Saulter's direction.

Festival sponsors include the New York State Council on the Arts, D'Addario Foundation, GHS Strings, Rocktron technology for guitarists, Alhambra Guitars, Savage Classical Guitars, and the Five Towns College Student Government.

Festival attendees will be eligible to register to win an Alhambra 4P solid-cedar-top classical guitar valued at approximately \$1,000.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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