2016 Miami International GuitART Festival & Composition Competition

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The Florida International University School of Music is hosting the inaugural edition of Miami International GuitART Festival (MIGF) from February 24-28, 2016. The festival, under the direction of FIU music faculty and guitarist/composer Mesut Özgen, presents renowned guitar artists in 11 concerts, 5 masterclasses, 3 lectures, and a composers panel, as well as a composition competition and a luthiers expo, which will present a wide variety of hand-built guitars in the Frost Art Museum concurrently with a special exhibition “The Shakespeare’s First Folio” held at the museum.

Featured festival artists, led by Benjamin Verdery, will represent the United States, Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Italy, Spain, and Turkey. The composition competition welcomes the young and emerging composers’ submission of new guitar compositions for solo, duo, or trio with or without fixed media and/or live electronics in two age categories.

Among the lectures are the Grammy winner John Schneider’s presentation of music in just intonation by Lou Harrison, the early music specialist Dr. Robert Trent’s presentation of 19th century performance
practice, and the Spanish luthier Amalia Ramirez's presentation of Segovia and Ramirez Collaboration. Additionally, the festival will also present many talented young guitarists in a Student Showcase Concert, which will also feature Ben Verdery on both classical and electric guitars.

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