

Romantic Serenades for Guitar and Piano

Matthew Montfort: 'Seven Serenades for Scalloped Fretboard Guitar' CD Release Party

Seth Montfort: Latin Piano Serenades by Granados, Copland/Bernstein, Villa-Lobos & Montfort

Sandra Simich: Romantic Piano Music by Chopin



Saturday, July 25, 8:00 p.m.

Music Inside Out & Center

16375 4th Street @ Mill

(Across from the Russian River Resort)

Guerneville, CA 95446

Tix: \$10. Info: 707-604-7600

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Matthew Montfort and the Scalloped Fretboard Guitar

Matthew Montfort is well known as the leader of the pioneering world music group Ancient Future. He has performed at the Festival Internacional de la Guitarra on the golden coast of Spain and on tour in India with sitarist Pandit Habib Khan and tabla maestro Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri.

"It isn't every day that acoustic guitarists make their instrument sound a lot like an Indian sitar, but that is exactly what Matthew Montfort accomplishes on the instrumental 'Seven Serenades for Scalloped Fretboard Guitar.' What exactly is a scalloped fretboard guitar? According to Ancient-Future.com, guitar maker Ervin Somogyi took an acoustic guitar back in 1978 and 'carved out the wood between the frets so that the pads of Montfort's fingers touch only the strings, reducing friction while he bends them to produce ornaments more characteristic of the sitar.' Montfort demonstrates that even though he has considerable chops and technical prowess, he is much more interested in feeling and expression than technique." – Alex Henderson, ALL MUSIC GUIDE

Seth Montfort, Piano

Seth Montfort won his first contest at 11 performing ragtime by Scott Joplin. He made his concerto debut at 16 performing Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand with the Denver Symphony. He has also made solo appearances with the Jefferson Symphony, Redwood Symphony, North Bay Philharmonic, Kensington Symphony, Diablo Symphony, National Repertory Orchestra and the San Francisco Concerto Orchestra. He has won 12 prizes in local, National and International competitions and has performed over 1,000 solo recitals.



Sandra Simich, Piano

Sandra Simich was born in Dubrovnik, Croatia. In the former Yugoslavia, she received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance, and studied with Marian Mika, Slava Gabrielov, and Irina Tchukovskaya, winner of the Tchaikovsky Competition. An established pianist she appears regularly as a soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician in California and Europe. She performed as an artist in residence at the International Peace Conference in Croatia and with The Tamalpais Trio for the International Red Cross relief efforts in Kosovo.