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Grammy Award Winning Guitarist David Russell In Coastal Concert February 23

On Saturday, February 23 at 2 PM, Grammy award-winning guitarist David Russell will appear at Bethel United Methodist Church Hall as he performs the fourth concert in Coastal Concerts' 20th season of world-class classical music in Lewes.

David Russell is world renowned for his superb musicianship and inspired artistry, having earned the highest praise from audiences and critics alike. In 1997, he was named Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in recognition of his great talent and his increasingly successful international career. In 2005, he won a Grammy in the category of best instrumental soloist in classical music for his CD, AIRE LATINO.

Mr. Russell's multi-cultural program for the February 23rd concert will include George Frideric Handel's Suite No.7 in G Minor, Spaniard Vicente Asencio y Ruano's Colletici Intim, two pieces by Brazilian Sérgio Assad, one of which is dedicated to Mr. Russell, and a selection of Celtic Music that will feature three traditional pieces and a composition by Peter Maxwell Davies.

Mr. Russell was born in 1953 in Glasgow, Scotland. At the age of 5, he moved with his parents to Menorca, a Spanish island in the Mediterranean. His father was an artist and an avid guitarist. It was natural for David to pick up the instrument with his father as teacher. Before he could read music, he learned the pieces by ear from listening to Andres Segovia's recordings. As he got older, he also learned to play violin and French horn. Russell returned to Britain at 16 and attended the Royal Academy of Music in London. While studying, he twice won the Julian Bream Prize in guitar. He graduated in 1974 with a Ralph Vaughan Williams Trust Scholarship. In 1975, the Spanish Government gave him a grant to enable him to continue his studies with Jose Tomas in Santiago de Compostela. Among the prizes he won was the most prestigious of all: Spain's Francisco Tarrega Competition.

Besides his great love of music, David Russell is an avid golfer and has won amateur golf tournaments in Scotland and Spain. He is also an loyal supporter of his local football team, Celta de Vigo.

Since 1995, Mr. Russell has exclusively recorded for Telarc International and has recorded 12 CDs. Among them are recordings of works of the Paraguayan composer Agustin Barrios Mangore and Spanish composer Frederico Moreno-Torroba.

On Friday, February 22 at 7 PM at the Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Avenue in Lewes, Mr. Russell will present an outreach performance featuring selections from his Saturday concert annotated with insights into the music. Admission to this performance is free.

The engagement of David Russell is made possible through the Special Presenters Initiative program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation.

For more information about Coastal Concerts, this 20th Anniversary season's remaining concerts, volunteer opportunities, and to purchase tickets, visit www.coastalconcerts.org or call 888-212-6458.

Tickets to the February 23 concert are \$35, with free admission to each youngster 18 and under and an accompanying adult. Discounted tickets are available at \$10 for students 19 and older, and for active duty and retired career military personnel. Valid IDs are required for student and military discounts. For additional information about Coastal Concerts, this season's concerts, volunteer opportunities, and to purchase tickets, visit www.coastalconcerts.org or call 1-888-212-6458.

Coastal Concerts is a non-profit organization committed to promoting classical music appreciation through live concerts, outreach, and educational activities by presenting world-class musicians in public concerts. Coastal Concerts programs are made possible in part by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware, in partnership with the National Endowment of the Arts.



Presented by Coastal Concerts, guitarist David Russell will perform at Bethel UMC Hall in Lewes at 2 P.M. on February 23 with an outreach appearance at Lewes Public Library on Friday, February 22 at 7 P.M.

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