

SUMMER SESSION 2008

Music Camp for Kids



JUNE 23-27

Suzuki Guitar Camp (age 8 and up)

9 am-12 pm

Instructors: Elina Chekan and René Izquierdo

Fee: \$150

Guitar Rental Fee: \$25

Informal performance: Friday, June 27 at 11 am

Elina Chekan and René Izquierdo offer a lively camp for beginning and intermediate guitar students designed to build a solid foundation in classical guitar, equipping students with the basic skills required to be versatile in any style. Students learn about the guitar and its history, and are exposed to a full range of guitar styles through video, recordings and live performance by instructors and guests. The basic elements of music and guitar are introduced in a supportive environment, with daily group lessons, coaching and one 30-minute private lesson for each participant. Intermediate students are expected to have at least a year of experience and must be able to read notes and play in first position; they will develop their proficiency in sight reading and ensemble playing.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Elina Chekan directs the Pre-College and Suzuki Guitar Program at UWM. Born in Minsk, Belarus, she studied with Valeriy Gromov and Eugene Gridiushko in her native country and with Benjamin Verdery at Yale University where she attained her Master of Music degree. Ms. Chekan has performed extensively in Europe and the United States as a soloist and chamber musician. A prizewinner in several international guitar competitions, Chekan is a certified Suzuki Method instructor, registered with the Suzuki Association of Americas. Prior to coming to Milwaukee, Chekan was artist-in-residence and faculty at the Bloomingdale School of Music in New York City, and chair of the Guitar Department at the Belarus Music Academy in Minsk.

René Izquierdo is assistant professor of guitar at UWM. He graduated from the Amadeo Roldan Conservatory and Superior Institute of Art in Havana, where he studied with renowned guitarist Jesus Ortega. After his arrival in the United States, he graduated from Yale University School of Music in 2001, where he studied with Benjamin Verdery and obtained a Master of Music and an Artist Diploma degree and was awarded the Eliot Fisk Prize for an outstanding guitarist. Izquierdo has been awarded several competition prizes, and most recently was a finalist in the JoAnne Falletta International Guitar Concerto Competition. He has appeared as a guest soloist and in chamber music concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Cuba, Spain, France and Italy. Before joining the faculty at UWM, Izquierdo taught at the State University of New York at Purchase and Yale University.

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