

Brand Library Music Series  
***Flute and Guitar, Alone and Together***  
**Sarah Wass, flute**  
**Steven Thachuk, guitar**  
Sunday May 17, 2009 3:00 pm

***Program***

Sonata in E-flat Major, BWV 1031 I. Allegro Moderato II. Siciliana III. Allegro <i>flute, guitar</i> (arr. Steven Thachuk)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Hoe-Down from Rodeo <i>Guitar</i> (arr. Steven Thachuk)	Aaron Copland (1900-1990)
Zoom Tube <i>flute</i>	Ian Clarke (1964- )
Room 249 <i>guitar</i>	Steven Thachuk (1969- )
Mountain Songs I. Barbara Allen II. The House Carpenter III. Hush You Bye IV. Cindy <i>flute, guitar</i>	Robert Beaser (1954- )

*A reception for the artist will follow the concert*

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## Biographies

Flutist **Sarah Wass** chose her instrument in the third grade because she knew it would fit in her back pack. She is currently a freelance musician in Los Angeles, playing in orchestras, chamber ensembles, recording studios and art galleries.

As a soloist, she has recorded concerti by Mozart and Quantz and sonatas by JS Bach for the "Modulations" music therapy series by Tempo Space Productions. An avid chamber musician, Sarah performs regularly with inauthentica, the Night Wanderers, guitarist Steven Thachuk and the experimental, improvisational band/chamber group Freshly Squeezed.

A dedicated teacher, Sarah is on the faculties of the Harmony Project and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, in addition to maintaining a private studio.

Sarah is also the co-director and co-founder of the Academy of Creative Education, a summer performing arts school dedicated to empowering students through the creation and performance of their own work. Sarah holds a BM from the Oberlin Conservatory and an MFA from the California Institute of the Arts.

**Steven Thachuk** is known as one of Canada's most outstanding and versatile guitarists. Performing works from J.S. Bach and Toru Takemitsu to John Lennon and Radiohead, he consistently challenges the nature of the instrument's repertoire and boundaries. Playing both traditional classical guitar and a steel string instrument he has appeared in recital, as a chamber musician, and soloist with orchestra throughout North America, Great Britain and Europe. Thachuk has performed most of the major concertos in the guitar repertoire with orchestra and has had concerts broadcast on NPR in America and the CBC in Canada.

In addition to his performing career, Thachuk has an international reputation as a leading teacher and pedagogue of the instrument. He is much in demand for masterclasses and concerts at universities, conservatories, and major guitar festivals throughout North America and Europe. Recent festival appearances have included the Koblenz Guitar festival, Iserlohn Gitarren-Symposium, National Guitar Summer Workshop, the Gevelsberg Gitarren-Festival, the Stetson International Guitar Festival, the Culiacan International Guitar Festival, the Halifax International Guitar Festival, and the Eastman Summer GuitarFest in Rochester, New York. In 2002, Steve Thachuk was appointed as Professor of Guitar and Chair of Guitar Studies at California State University, Northridge. Previously, he has served on the faculties of the University of Toronto, the Glenn Gould Professional School at the Royal Conservatory of Music and Queen's University. Thachuk also serves on juries for many major international guitar competitions.

Steven Thachuk's studies began when he was eight years old. He pursued his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, and continued his studies in Germany and at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he completed his doctorate degree in 1998.

Thachuk regularly collaborates with other artists. He performs with flutist Sarah Wass and is a member of the experimental music ensemble Freshly Squeezed. He also appears in duo concerts with American fingerstyle virtuoso, Michael Chapdelaine. Thachuk was also a member of the Meyer/Thachuk Guitar Duo.