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Soundscape – A Classical Guitar Concert Featuring the Multi-String Artistry of Matthew Grasso and Sean O'Connor

Yuba City, CA. October 29, 2025 –Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture will once again bring a unique musical experience to the community. The upcoming Soundscape Classical Guitar Concert at its Sutter Theater Center for the Arts will feature the artistry of virtuoso players, Matthew Grasso and Sean O'Connor.

The performance will be held on Friday, November 14 at 7pm at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at yubasutterarts.org or in the box office, Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. Cocktails and snacks will be available for purchase.

Classical guitarists Matthew Grasso and Sean O'Connor will present an eclectic, original program of solos and duets for extended 7-string and 11-string alto guitars. The set list will include transcriptions of Sylvius Leopold Weiss and Francois Couperin, original compositions by Grasso and O'Connor, works by contemporary master Andrew York, and improvisational duet versions of a couple of hit songs from the 1970s.

Matthew Grasso is classical guitarist, composer, arranger, musical instrument innovator, and improviser who began playing guitar at age twelve. He has been a featured soloist with many regional symphonies and most notably with the Auburn Symphony Chamber Players. His recordings include nine CDs, and he has published articles regarding multi-string and microtonal guitars in various publications. Matthew performs and lectures throughout Northern California, and is on the faculty at Sacramento City College, Yuba College, and was formerly at California College of the Arts. He is also the "high priest" at the 7-String Guitar Church in Davis, California.

Sean O'Connor has been a fixture in Sacramento classical guitar circles since the early 2000s. He currently teaches over 45 private students per week, directs two community guitar orchestras for the Sacramento Guitar Society, and performs regularly as a soloist. In 2023 he released his first classical album, entitled *Journey to Eleven*, which features transcriptions of baroque music by Weiss, Couperin, Zamboni, and Bach performed on the 11-string alto guitar. He also performs with the Multi-String Guitar Ensemble, led by Matthew Grasso.

This performance will offer audiences not just a concert, but an immersive experience into the world of classical guitar. Plenty of free parking is available on the adjoining streets and in the parking lots adjacent to the theater.

About YSAC: Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance, and service to artists, organizations, and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts, Convergence Theater Co., the Yuba Sutter Youth Choir, the Yuba Sutter Big Band & many more.

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