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**SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES PRESENTS  
BEIJING GUITAR DUO**



**Saturday, December 2, 2023 | 7:30pm  
Herbst Theatre**

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** – November 6, 2023 – San Francisco Performances (SFP) presents the **Beijing Guitar Duo** on **Saturday, December, 2 2023, 7:30pm** at **St. Mark’s Lutheran Church (1111 O’Farrell Street)**. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at [sfperformances.org](http://sfperformances.org) or by calling 415.392.2545. Tickets can also be purchased at the door as available, including 50% off student rush tickets and 20% off senior rush tickets.

“Former SF Performances’ Artists-in-Residence, the Beijing Guitar Duo return for another beautiful program of thoughtful classical guitar arrangements, plus a bit of Piazzolla. Their performance is sure to be a favorite for both guitar aficionados and lovers of great classical music.” — Melanie Smith, SFP President

Presented in association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts.

**ABOUT BEIJING GUITAR DUO**

Praised by legendary guitarist Manuel Barrueco as “the best guitar duo in the world,” the **Beijing Guitar Duo** launched their international concert career with their New York debut in Carnegie Hall in 2010.

Guitarists Meng Su and Yameng Wang have performed around the world in halls such as the Concertgebouw, Palau de Musica, Tchaikovsky Hall and the National Theatre in Beijing. The duo regularly collaborates with orchestras, in ensemble with flutist Marina Piccinini, guitarists Grigoryan Brothers, and with celebrated guitarist Manuel Barrueco touring in Europe, Australia, Asia and the U.S.

The Beijing Guitar Duo's performances and recordings have received acclaim from critics and audiences alike. Their debut CD, *Maracaípe*, received a Latin-Grammy© nomination for the title piece, which was dedicated to them by renowned guitarist/composer Sérgio Assad. Their second CD, *Bach to Tan Dun*, has been widely noted for the world premiere recording of Tan Dun's *Eight Memories in Watercolor*, specially arranged for the duo by Manuel Barrueco. A recording in trio, *China West*, with Maestro Barrueco was released in May 2014.

Meng Su and Yameng Wang were born in the coastal city of Qingdao, China. They came to their partnership with exceptional credentials, including a string of competition awards. Ms. Su's honors include victories at the Vienna Youth Guitar Competition and the Christopher Parkening Guitarist Competition, while Ms. Wang was the youngest guitarist to win the Tokyo International Guitar Competition at the age of 12, and was invited by Radio France to perform at the prestigious Paris International Guitar Art Week at age 14. Both young artists had given solo recitals in China and abroad and had made recordings before they formed their duo.

In addition to concertizing, the duo shares a love for teaching which brings them to major conservatories worldwide for master classes and to judge competitions. The duo served as Artists-in-Residence from 2011-2015 for San Francisco Performances, which brought them to the Bay Area two weeks a year for community outreach, performances, and masterclasses in public schools as well as clinics at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

[Watch](#) Beijing Guitar Duo

**The evening's program will be as follows:**

**FRANCK:** Prélude, Fugue et Variation Op. 18

**DEBUSSY:** *Petite Suite*

**FAURÉ:** *Dolly Suite*, Op. 56

**GRANADOS:** *Valses Poéticos*

**ALBÉNIZ:** *Bajo la Palmera; Castilla*

**PIAZZOLLA:** *Tango Suite*

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**Please note our health and safety protocols:** Masks and up-to-date vaccinations are encouraged but not required to attend our performances. This policy will be adjusted if city or state health orders change.

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## **ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES**

San Francisco Performances has been a leader in the Bay Area cultural scene since our founding in 1979. With a strong curatorial vision and adventurous programming, we are the city's premier presenter of intimate concerts and solo performances.

We have introduced hundreds of established and emerging classical music, jazz, and dance artists to audiences, including Yo-Yo Ma, the Juilliard String Quartet, Philip Glass, Wendy Whelan, and the Paul Taylor Dance Company. We also champion a new generation, committed to building a contemporary and equitable repertoire. Performers like the Catalyst Quartet, violinist Jennifer Koh, tenor Lawrence Brownlee, and pianist/composer Vijay Iyer are moving their art into the present and future, making it accessible to

younger audiences while converting many traditionalists to new possibilities. They represent the path forward.

Quality, intimacy, and connection are the hallmarks of San Francisco Performances. We nurture unique relationships with today's best artists to create an accessible, warm, and engaging arts experience.

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**CONCERT TICKETS:** \$60

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