

46th SEASON



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE/ONLINE POSTING:

February 17, 2026

Contact: Terry Conway

(415) 677-0328 or terry@sfperformances.org

**SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES PRESENTS
DAVID RUSSELL | GUITAR**



**Saturday, March 14, 2026 | 7:30pm
St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

In association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – February 17, 2026 – **San Francisco Performances (SFP)** presents beloved guitarist **David Russell** in recital on **Saturday, March 14, 2026, 7:30pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church**. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at 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.

“One of the legends of the classical guitar world, David Russell returns to San Francisco for another evening of beautiful music. His program, ranging from Bach and Giuliani to contemporary works written for and about him, promises a perfect evening of guitar music, performed by one of the master interpreters of our time.” — Melanie Smith, SFP President

This concert is presented in association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts.

ABOUT DAVID RUSSELL

Classical guitarist **David Russell** is world renowned for his superb musicianship and inspired artistry, having earned the highest praise from audiences and critics alike. In recognition of his great talent and his international career, he was named a Fellow of The Royal Academy of Music in London in 1997.

In May 2003 he was bestowed the great honor of being made "adopted son" of Es Migjorn, the town in Minorca where he grew up. Later the town named a street after him, "Avinguda David Russell."

In November 2003 he was given the Medal of Honor of the Conservatory of the Balearics.

After winning the Grammy© award, the town of Nigrán in Spain, where he resides, gave him the silver medal of the town in an emotional ceremony.

During his studies at the Royal Academy, David Russell twice won the Julian Bream Guitar Prize. Later he won numerous international competitions, including the Andrés Segovia Competition, the José Ramírez Competition, and Spain's prestigious Francisco Tárrega Competition .

David Russell spends his time touring the world, appearing regularly at prestigious halls in main cities, such as New York, London, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Madrid, Toronto, and Rome. Concertgoers everywhere are in awe of his musical genius and inspired by his captivating stage presence. His love of his craft resonates through his flawless and seemingly effortless performance. The attention to detail and provocative lyrical phrasing suggest an innate understanding of what each individual composer was working to achieve, bringing to each piece a sense of adventure.

In May 2005 he received a homage from the music conservatory of Vigo, culminating with the opening of the new Auditorium, to which they gave the name "Auditorio David Russell." In 2009 David was named an honorary member of "Amigos de la Guitarra," the oldest guitar society in Spain.

A prolific recording artist, his collection includes seventeen CDs with Telarc International.

Watch [David Russell](#)

The evening's program will be as follows:

GIULIANI: *Grand Overture*, Op. 61

BACH (trans. David Russell): *Prelude and Andante*

ALBÉNIZ: *Pavana; Zambra Granadina; Capricho Catalán; Nocturno; Malagueña*

GOSS: *Don Quijote* (Dedicated to David Russell)

ESTARELLAS: Selections from *Homage to Charles Chaplin*

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.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

(Please include [our name as the presenter](#) --many thanks!)

SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

DAVID RUSSELL, Guitar

In association with OMNI Foundation for the Performing Arts

WHEN: Saturday, March 14, 2026, 7:30pm

WHERE: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco

PROGRAM: BACH (trans. David Russell): *Prelude and Andante*; **ALBÉNIZ**: *Pavana; Zambra Granadina; Capricho Catalán; Nocturno; Malagueña*; **GOSS**: *Don Quijote* (Dedicated to David Russell); **ESTARELLAS**: Selections from *Homage to Charles Chaplin*

CONCERT TICKETS: \$75

CONTACT: (415) 392.2545; sfperformances.org

**For high-resolution images, contact Terry Conway at terry@sfperformances.org
or [click here](#)**

#