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Boston Classical Guitar Society presents David Leisner and Festival 21

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WHO Festival 21 featuring David Leisner, guitarist
WHAT All-day guitar festival and evening concert with music by Britten, Del Tredici, Leisner, and world premieres by Carlos Carrillo and Anthony Paul De Ritis
WHEN Saturday, April 21, 2012. Daytime activities 9-5pm, Evening concert at 7:45 p.m.
WHERE Daytime activities at Old South Church, 645 Boylston St, Boston, MA, 02116
Evening concert at First Lutheran Church, 299 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116.
ADMISSION Festival pass: \$60 general, \$50 seniors, \$35 students. Evening concert only: \$25 general, \$20 student/senior. BCGS member discount available.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society (BCGS) welcomes guitarist and composer David Leisner as the headlining artist for Festival 21, a daylong celebration of new music for the instrument. The evening concert will include two world premieres: *Mariluna*, by Carlos Carrillo, and a new work from Anthony Paul De Ritis to be performed by the Festival 21 guitar orchestra and conductor Scott Borg. Also scheduled are a technique workshop by Belgian guitar virtuoso Jerome Mouffe, a Conservatories Showcase featuring talented performers selected by area college guitar faculty, an Ensembles Concert involving guitar groups from area schools and colleges, and a Members Recital highlighting the musical pursuits of the BCGS community.

Daytime events begin at 9 a.m. at the Old South Church, located at 645 Boylston Street, Boston, MA. The evening recital begins at 7:45 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 299 Berkeley Street, Boston. Festival passes are \$60 general admission, \$50 seniors, and \$35 students. The evening concert costs \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors. Additional BCGS member discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.itsmyseat.com/bcgs.html>. For further information, please contact adbcs@gmail.com.

David Leisner is an extraordinarily versatile musician with a multi-faceted career as an electrifying performing artist, a distinguished composer, and a master teacher. Regarded as one of the world's leading classical guitarists, his superb musicianship and provocative programming have been applauded by critics and audiences around the world. Composer Anthony Paul De Ritis is currently Professor and Chair of the Music Department at Northeastern University in Boston. He has received performances nationally and internationally, including at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and UNESCO headquarters in Paris, where his *Melody for Peace* was premiered by the Prague Philharmonic.

The Boston Classical Guitar Society is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the classical guitar through performance, education, and community building. Since its founding in 1977, the BCGS has presented leading guitarists in concerts and masterclasses while frequently supporting local competitions, ensembles, and festivals including Festival 21 and Boston GuitarFest. The BCGS regularly hosts member performance parties and facilitates interaction among Boston area professionals, students, aficionados, and audiences. Learn more about BCGS programs at <http://www.bostonguitar.org>.