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William KANENGISER

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Classical guitar virtuoso William Kanengiser is about to add New Zealand to his vast list of countries visited. This grammy award winning guitarist has performed all over the world thanks to his “*dizzying execution*” and “*exceeding vitality and warmth*” [Los Angeles Times]- we are thrilled to have both in New Plymouth

On January 12th, 2014 in New Plymouth, Kanengiser will make his debut in New Zealand, at the invitation of the New Plymouth Classical Guitar Society and Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School.

Kanengiser has cemented himself as one of America’s finest classical guitarists, winning first prize at the 1987 Concert Artists Guild Competition as well as major international competitions in Toronto (1981) and Paris (1983). The recipient of two Solo Recitalist Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, he was also chosen as one of Musical America’s Outstanding Young Artists.



As a founding member of the world renowned Los Angeles Guitar Quartet (LAGQ), he has toured extensively throughout Asia, Europe and North America, recording for the GHA, Delos and Sony Classical labels. His debut solo recording for the GSP label won an “INDIE” award for Best Classical Recording.

John Couch, Artistic Director of the Taranaki Classical Guitar Society, and Dominique Blatti, President of the New Plymouth Classical Guitar Society, were very excited when Kanengiser agreed to come to New Plymouth.

“When we heard he [Kanengiser] was visiting Sydney, Australia and wanted an excuse to see New Zealand, we were only too happy to oblige” said Blatti. Couch emphasised that *“The Taranaki Classical Guitar Summer School is the perfect venue, for him to have a huge impact on New Zealand guitar.”*



During his time as a member of the guitar faculty at the USC Thornton School of Music, Kanengiser has won the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching (2011), given master classes around the world and produced two instructional videos.

William Kanengiser will be playing a public concert on the 12th January in New Plymouth, venue to be confirmed, and teaching masterclasses with the New Zealand Aspiring Guitarists at the Taranaki Classical Summer School the following day.

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