W. Mark Akin,
faculty recital, guitar

"World Sets"
UNITED STATES
Sunburst

RUSSIA
From "The Prince’s Toys"
   The Mechanical Monkey
   The Doll with Blinking Eyes
   Tin Soldiers
   The Prince’s Coach

SCOTLAND
Niel Gow’s Lament

THE BALKANS
Rustemul
Macedonian Girl
Walk Dance

INTERMISSION

PARAGUAY
Julia Florida
Vals, Op. 8, No. 4

SPAIN
Gran Vals
Prelude No. 5
Danza Mora

ARGENTINA
Jugueteando
Pampero
Allegro in Re
Award-winning classical guitarist W. Mark Akin is a St. Louis based musician who has engaged audiences across the country with his dynamic on-stage presence and musicality.

Mark has won prizes in numerous competitions such as the Wilson Center Guitar Competition in Wisconsin, Beethoven Club Competition in Memphis, the University of Arizona’s Beeston Competition and Sholin Competition, and was most recently selected as a winner of the Artist Presentation Society of St. Louis Competition. In June 2022 Mark was a Featured Artist of the Missouri Arts Council.

Originally from Tennessee, Mark started his guitar studies by learning to play electric hard rock, idolizing guitarists such as Eric Johnson, Yngwie Malmsteen, and Eddie Van Halen. After discovering the classical guitar in high school, he then decided to study the instrument full-time and subsequently received his bachelor’s and master's degrees in guitar performance from Belmont University in Nashville, and the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has performed in master classes and taken lessons with some of the greatest guitarists in the world, namely Sergio and Odair Assad, Manuel Barrueco, David Russell, Jason Vieaux, Olivier Chassain, Marcin Dylla, and Adam Holzman.

An active teacher, Mark has taught innumerable private lessons and classes. In addition to being on faculty at Washington University, he works with the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society’s outreach education initiative entitled Guitar Horizons.
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