

Bio:

Korean American guitarist and composer **Sungmin Shin** maintains a vigorous schedule divided between performing and teaching in a wide variety of musical settings. As a musician, Mr. Shin finds a unique balance between his classical training and deep roots in popular guitar styles. This combination drives his curiosity to seek new modes of expression through performance, improvisation, and composition. Mr. Shin has been acknowledged through numerous awards, grants and scholarships, and has been invited to perform and present workshops, masterclasses, and lectures across the U.S. and Canada. A frequent collaborator with various musicians and ensembles, he is a member of the internationally acclaimed guitar ensemble *Tantalus Quartet* and the Rochester-based contemporary quintet *fivebyfive*.

Mr. Shin is a devoted educator and shares his passion for music with students of all ages and levels. He is currently on faculty at The University at Buffalo (SUNY) where he teaches classical and electric guitar and directs the UB Guitar Ensemble. Also, he works with private students at the Eastman Community Music School, Music & Arts (Pittsford, NY), and in his home studio (Penfield, NY). He has been invited to teach, present, and adjudicate for festivals and guitar programs around the US and Canada including Arkansas State University, Bloomsburg University, Eastman School of Music, SUNY Fredonia, SUNY Potsdam, Great Lakes Guitar Festival, Guitar Foundation of America, New Mexico Classical Guitar Festival, UofL Guitar Festival & Competition (Louisville, KY), and more. During the summers, he serves on the faculty of Guitar Workshop Plus in Toronto, ONT.

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