

**2005**  
**STETSON INTERNATIONAL GUITAR WORKSHOP**

*From the participants, faculty, and audience members . . . .*

I wanted to say thank you for everything this year... and I can't wait for next year. Congratulations on another successful year at the Stetson Guitar Workshop.

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Thank you so much for your hospitality, and just for opening your hearts to everyone. You and Stephen are so wonderful! Thank you so much for just being the way you are . . . the world is definitely lacking and we are very grateful for people like Stephen and Patrece Robinson.

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I had a great time in Florida. The atmosphere was inspirational, to say the least. I feel that I took a lot of things home, which is really important. I hope that I can encourage others in the future just as your festival has encouraged me.

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The 2005 Stetson International Guitar Workshop was absolutely grand. I personally enjoyed every minute of it. As we ended, I felt the Wednesday morning seminar, "*The Guitarist as Interpreter: More of the Same or New Territory?*" was particularly thought provoking. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Thanks so much for the hospitality. Stephen, your playing was brilliant, just superb. I was truly impressed with every aspect of your performance. Your demeanor on stage is first rate and your playing is absolutely stunning. Just so you'll know, I grew up around the guitar. My dad was a famous studio player and I've been at it for 43 years. So I can say with some authority that your performance Friday night was

nothing short of memorable. I couldn't have been more impressed. I hope you're proud of yourself; you deserve to be.

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Bravo and congratulations! We enjoyed this year's festival. It had a very friendly atmosphere, and we met some great people. I know my playing will improve as a result of my exposure to the other students as well as the faculty.

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On behalf of my students and me, I just wanted to say thanks once again for the wonderful workshop! My students have said nothing but great things about all that they got out of it! And me too, of course!

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Thanks so much for all your efforts in staging last week's workshop. Once again it was great.

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I am already looking forward to next year, thanks again!

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We particularly enjoyed this year's guitar concerts and wish to congratulate you for including Michael Chapdelaine's inspired renditions on the electric guitar and flippers. Since he has a solid classical talent as well, the break was a refreshing addition. You and your whole family are the soul of the Stetson Guitar Workshop and we both look forward to these affairs with increasing impatience as the year wears on. Another point of appreciation is the inclusion of women guitarists whom we feel, in some instances are able to perform with delicacy and precision beyond that which is heard even with greater talents. We particularly notice that with Antigoni Goni and Raphaella Smits for example. Young Ana Vidovic showed lightning speed with those runs and the pairing of Elena Papandreou and Oscar Ghiglia was just excellent. Of course, we enjoyed all, including the younger group who played at the final concert. We must admit, Stephen, we found your performance quite exceptional and the encore piece which had a short passage that you decided to omit on retries was especially inspiring. And who can play

Paganini like Eliot Fisk! So, we will play the CDs we purchased and recall all those inspiring performances of the 2005 workshop, and we have already started to anticipate the 2006 Workshop. Stay in good health and we will try to do the same. The Robinsons are a treasure for our Stetson and our DeLand!

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Thanks so much for including me in this year's festival. It truly amazes me how well put together it is. And Steve, what a great concert! You continue to be a great role model for me.

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I just flew back into Vancouver last night. It was a long trip but well worth it. The workshop was five days of pure bliss. Deciding if I wanted to see and hear Eliot Fisk, Ana Vidovic or Dale Kavanagh on any given day is the type of decision most of us can only dream about. Big congratulations go to Stephen and Patrece for orchestrating this event.

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Thanks again for a wonderful festival and the great time we had with all our colleagues!!!! All went really well and everyone had a very good time. All the best and thanks for the great job you both did!!!

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