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TWO NEW COMPOSITIONS TO BE PREMIERED AT ABENDMUSIK ALEXANDRIA'S "CLASSICS AND A CONTEMPORARY," NOVEMBER 5

Alexandria, LA, October 26, 2015 – Abendmusik Alexandria returns on Thursday, November 5 with "Classics and a Contemporary," featuring classical guitarist John De Chiaro. "Classics and a Contemporary" will begin at 6:00 PM at the Hearn Stage at the Kress Theatre in the downtown Alexandria Cultural District.

November 5's concert will feature two special premieres, including the world premiere of the new Suite for Solo Guitar, Op. 21 by emerging local composer Jackson Harmeyer. There will also be the premiere of a new arrangement of Christian hymns, specially crafted by Mr. De Chiaro for a local patron of the arts. To complement these new works, De Chiaro will treat listeners to guitar classics by Mauro Giuliani, Domenico Scarlatti, and the American ragtime genius Scott Joplin.

John De Chiaro was recently called "one of the leading lights of classical guitar" by Fred Child, host of the nationally broadcast radio program *Performance Today*. Mr. De Chiaro is known locally for his leadership of the Alexandria Youth Orchestra. Now retired, De Chiaro served for twenty-five years as Professor of Guitar at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He has played around the world, giving concerts at New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall and for distinguished individuals like Pope John Paul II and President and Mrs. Bill Clinton.

Abendmusik Alexandria presents chamber music in an intimate, cabaret-style atmosphere. Tickets are \$10.00 with a \$5.00 appetizer plate option. A cash bar will also be available. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the concert begins at 6:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any TicketCentral booth, online at www.ticket-central.org, or by calling 318.484.4467. Season tickets are also available.

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