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EDUCATION:

Master in Arts in Music (Guitar Performance) Radford University, Radford, VA. May 1999
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Dorm Scholarship & member of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society

Bachelor of Music at Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. May 1997

- awarded half scholarship from Peabody and grants from the government
- main classical guitar instructor, **Manuel Barrueco**; guitar coach **Julian Gray**
- Minor Degree in Piano Performance with Dr Nancy Roldán

COMPOSITIONS:

Guitar Orchestra: Gnome Zombies!, Weeping Angels, Fairy Pools of Skye (Chamber Concerto), Christmas in Cambridge

Solo: Wanderlust: It Takes Two, The Story of US, Through the Ages; Three Nordic Sketches: Ice, Aurora Borealis, Wings Over Alta; Garden Waltz, Blackbirds

Ensemble: A Christmas Carol for Choir (S, A, T, B); Calvados for Two Guitars

FESTIVALS:

- * Classical Minds Guitar Workshop online via Zoom and YouTube September 25, 2021
- * Classical Minds Guitar Festival online via Zoom and YouTube April 9-11, 2021
- * Classical Minds Guitar Festival in Foxton Village Hall, Cambridgeshire March 14-16, 2020
- * Arts Festival held at the Taipei American School in Taiwan April 15-19, 2019
- Performed Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre Concerto*, Albéniz's *Asturias*, Tárrega's *Recuerdos de la Alhambra*, Bolling's *Picnic Suite*, and gave my Taiwan premiere of my own composition, *It Takes Two*.
- * Federation of Guitar Societies Festival, hosted by the Cambridge Guitar Society June 24, 2018
at Foxton Village Hall in Cambridgeshire, UK
- Music Director and conductor
- * Artistic Director of the annual "Classical Minds" International Guitar Festival & Competition 2015 - 2018
held at Episcopal High School in Bellaire, Texas (master class, developed curriculum, commission guitar orchestra music, fundraised for scholarships)
- * Cambridge Guitar Weekend with Peter Nuttall & Peter Rueffer at Buckden September 29-October 1, 2017
Towers in St Neots, Cambridgeshire: Music Director, conductor, tutor and gave a solo concert
- * **Solo Concert at the Latitude Festival on the BBC Introducing Stage in Beccles, Suffolk; July 16, 2017**
1st classical musician to perform at Latitude & was picked out of 117 from the short list – host for the concert was Suzy Klein from BBC Radio 3
- * Solo Concert at "Classical Minds" International Guitar Festival & Competition June 13, 2017
- * Duo Amiche (voice & guitar duo) Concert, 'Classical Minds' Guitar Festival & Competition June 14-18, 2016
- * Recital at the Texas A&M Guitar Symposium & Competition Annenberg Presidential Conference Center, College Station October 24-26, 2014
- * Director of Annual "Classical Minds" Guitar Festival at Moores School of Music, University of Houston (Texas Music Festival) in Houston, TX 2004-2014
- * Fort Worth Guitar Guild Music Festival with Presti (all women's classical guitar trio): July 31-August 4, 2012
master class, private lessons, guitar orchestra and concert in Ft. Worth, TX
- * Concert with Presti at the "Classical Minds" Competition and Institute in Houston, TX June 15, 2012
- * Recital Menil Community Arts Festival Performance at the Rothko Chapel April 14, 2012
in Houston, TX
- * Master class and performance at La Guitaromania in **Agen, France** March 17-18, 2012

- * Seventh Annual Guitar Orchestra Festival: guitar orchestra, master classes, recital with Presti in Plano, TX February 24-26, 2012
- * Annual Classical Guitar Fall Festival sponsored by the Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York with Presti: Master Class and Concert at the Hartwick College Anderson Center of the Arts in Oneonta, NY September 24-25, 2011
- * Presti Concert at the ‘Classical Minds’ Competition and Institute in Dudley Recital Hall at University of Houston in Houston, TX June 17, 2011
- * 2010 ChamberArt Music Festival in **Madrid, Spain**: performances in Madrid’s Ateneo Theater, Calatravas Cathedral & the Nicolas Salmerón Culture Center July 12-22, 2010
- * Solo Concert in Dudley Recital Hall, University of Houston at the “Classical Minds” Institute and Competition, in Houston, TX June 17, 2010
- * Annual Guitar Orchestra Workshop at St. Andrew United Methodist Church: solo concert, master classes, guitar orchestra in Plano, TX February 26-28, 2010
- * Solo concert at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music Festival in Lancaster, PA February 3-5, 2010
- * Katy Guitar Festival at the Westland Baptist Church in Katy, TX: Solo concert and lecture December 4-6, 2009
- * Solo concert at the Texas Music Festival “Classical Minds” Competition & Institute in Dudley Recital Hall at University of Houston in Houston, TX June 30, 2009
- * Concert and master class at the *Dia de la Guitarra* at Eastfield Community College in Mesquite, TX May 30th, 2009
- * Concert at the Rosario Festival and Competition in Columbia, SC at the Carolina Music Academy April 24-26, 2009
- * Houston Community College Jazz and Classical Guitar Festival at the Northwest Campus in Houston, TX: director, concert with Duo Athena, and master class February 20-22, 2009
- * Solo concert & master class of the College Division at the MANC Guitar Festival & Competition in Greensboro, NC November 14 - 16, 2008
- * Concert and master classes at the East Carolina University Competition & Festival in Greenville, NC July 12-15, 2008
- * Solo recital at the Tennessee Guitar Festival at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN March 16th, 2008
- * Duo Athena in Concert at the “Classical Minds” Guitar Institute Faculty Artist Concert Series at the Moores Opera House, University of Houston in Houston, TX June 1, 2007
- * Taught private lessons at the East Carolina University Festival & Competition in Greenville, NC July 15-July 18, 2006
- * Concert & Master Class at the first Classical Guitar Weekend Workshop at The Music Conservatory of Texas in Frisco, TX January 27-29, 2006
- * Guitar Concert at the Eastfield College Guitar Festival & Competition in Mesquite, TX July 30, 2005
- * Co-Director of ‘Close Encounters: Chamber Music Festival for Voice & Guitar’; University of Houston, Moores School of Music in Houston, TX June 1-6, 2003
- * Director of Montgomery College Guitar Festival in Montgomery, TX Feb 28 – March 2, 2003
- * Guest Artist at the Arts Festival presented by the American School in Switzerland, Villa Monticello in Montagnola, Switzerland May 23, 1998, May 22, 1999 and May 22, 2000

PERFORMANCES: (1999-present)

- * YouTube Premiere Classical Minds Faculty Concert September 25, 2021
(<https://youtu.be/kk-8asVrV-k>)
- * YouTube Premiere Classical Minds Faculty Concert with Jeremy Garcia April 10, 2021
(https://youtu.be/O2w5XdT_I7c)
- * YouTube Premiere Concert (<https://youtu.be/XNTUbgH6EAI>) March 6, 2021
- * YouTube Premiere Christmas Concert (<https://youtu.be/w1CHA7Gd2Q8>) December 19, 2020
- * YouTube LIVE Solo Concert November 14, 2020
- * Five concerts on the Aurora Ship (P&O) through Norway Fjords February 28-March 11, 2020
- * Solo Recital as part of the World Military Band Festival Concert October 12, 2019
- * Solo Recital at Bunyan Meeting Church in Bedford July 12, 2019

- * Colibri Guitar Duo (with Rod Faulkner) at St Mary's Church in Marston Moretaine March 23, 2019
- * Cambridge Guitar Orchestra Concert at Stapleford Granary in Cambridge February 17, 2019
- * Cambridge Guitar Orchestra Concert at Clare Hall, Cambridge University February 2, 2019
- * Solo Concert and conducted the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon, St Neots in Cambridgeshire; premiered my first Guitar Orchestra composition, *Zombie Gnomes!* October 20, 2018
- * Colibri Guitar Duo (with Rod Faulkner) at St Mary's Church in Reepham, Norfolk; premiered my first solo composition, *It Takes Two* October 6, 2018
- * Solo concert at St John the Baptist Church in Mayfield for the Mayfield Music Society July 27, 2018
- * Solo concert for the Impington Music Society at Impington Village College, Cambridgeshire May 18, 2018
- * Music on the Quantocks Society, solo concert at Aisholt & Merridge Village Hall in Somerset, UK May 13, 2018
- * Solo concert at Thomas Telford Centre on the Isle of Anglesey, Wales; hosted by the North Wales Guitar Circle April 14, 2018
- * Solo concert and conducted the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra at St Mary's Church in Marston Moretaine, UK March 24, 2018
- * Solo concert at The Peel Centre, Edward Lucas Hall in Dronfield, UK March 10, 2018
- * Colibri Guitar Duo at Stewartby Village Hall, Bedfordshire, UK February 10, 2018
- * Solo concert at Cranfield Village Hall, sponsored by the hall December 9, 2017
- * St. Michael at the North Gate Astraea Guitar Duo (with Raymond Burley) in Oxford, England December 2, 2017
- * Astraea Guitar Duo concert at Lopping Hall in Loughton, Essex November 25, 2017
- * Astraea Guitar Duo concert at Hillscourt Conference Centre in Birmingham November 18, 2017
- * Astraea Guitar Duo concert at South Hill Park Centre – Recital Room Bracknell, Berkshire November 11, 2017
- * Colibri Guitar Duo (with Rod Faulkner) concert through Music in the Vale at St Denys Church in Faringdon, Oxfordshire October 15, 2017
- * Solo and duo recital as Colibri Guitar Duo at the Wymondham Central Hall, The Tiffey Room in Wymondham, Norfolk September 16, 2017
- * Solo recital through the Manchester Acoustic Guitar Society in Urmston, Manchester September 8, 2017
- * Solo recital through the Ealing Guitar Society in Ealing, London at St Matthew's Church Hall September 3, 2017
- * Solo & duo recital as Colibri Guitar Duo at St Andrew's Church, Covehithe, Suffolk August 20, 2017
- * Cambridge Guitar Orchestra Concert (solo recital and conducting) at St Bartholomew Church in Great Gransden June 24, 2017
- * Outreach Solo Recitals at two retirement homes: Holly Hall and The Brookdale in Houston, Texas June 5 and June 19, 2017
- * Tour of England with composer & baritone, Frank Wallace: Bedford, Norfolk, Cambridge, Marston Moretaine May 4-May 7, 2017
- * Solo recital, Thomas Taylor Hall – The Peel Centre in Dronfield, Derbyshire April 8, 2017
- * Solo recital sponsored by All Saints Houghton Conquest, Houghton Conquest March 19, 2017
- * Solo recital for the Liverpool Guitar Society at the View Two Gallery in Liverpool March 4, 2017
- * Solo Recital at St Mary's Church in Marston Moretaine February 17, 2017
- * Astraea Guitar Duo (with Raymond Burley) South Hill Park Centre – Recital Room Bracknell, Berkshire November 26, 2016
- * Hartzell and Astraea Guitar Duo, Marston Moretaine Village Hall in Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire October 21, 2016
- * Astraea Guitar Duo, Thomas Taylor Hall – The Peel Centre in Dronfield, Derbyshire October 8, 2016
- * Solo recital for the Manchester Acoustic Guitar Circle, Urmston, Manchester September 30, 2016
- * Solo recital at Tasburgh Village Hall in Norfolk, Norwich September 11, 2016
- * Solo recital at Clare Hall, University of Cambridge June 4, 2016
- * Duo Amiche (with Tamara McCoy, mezzo-soprano & pianist), concert at the Holywell Music Room at Oxford University in Oxford, England May 15, 2016
- * Duo Amiche concert at St Paul's Church in Bedford, England May 14, 2016
- * **London Debut:** Duo Amiche in concert at the 1901 Arts Club May 13, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at St Mary's Church in Marston Moretaine, England May 12, 2016

- * Duo Amiche, concert at the National Physical Laboratory – Scientific Museum, Bushy House in Teddington, England May 11, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at the Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel in Leicester, England May 7, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at the Attenborough Arts Centre at University of Leicester in England May 3, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at Alaska Pacific University, E.R. Brown Auditorium in Anchorage, AK April 17, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at Soldotna Christ Lutheran Church through the Performing Arts Society in Kenai, AK April 16, 2016
- * Duo Amiche: Outreach Concerts at two elementary schools in Kenai April 15, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at St John’s Lutheran in Palmer, AK April 12, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at Anchorage Lutheran, AK April 10, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at Resurrection Lutheran in Seward, AK April 9, 2016
- * Duo Amiche, concert at Homer Council on the Arts in Homer, AK April 8, 2016
- * Solo concert at Husbourne Crawley Reading Room in Husbourne Crawley, England; organized by the North Bucks Guitar Club March 12, 2016
- * Solo concert at St Mary Magdalen in Geddington, England March 5, 2016
- * Solo concert at St Philip Presbyterian Church; preview concert for the 2016 “Classical Minds” International Guitar Festival and Competition in Houston, TX February 28, 2016
- * Solo concert at Eastfield College in Mesquite, TX February 19, 2016
- * Solo concert at Marston Moretaine Village Hall, Bedfordshire January 30, 2016
- * Astraea Guitar Duo recital at Studley Castle, Warwickshire, UK November 21, 2015
- * Solo concert and Astraea Guitar Duo, Warrington Parish Church Of St Elphin, UK November 14, 2015
- * Astraea Guitar Duo recital at Holywell Room in Oxford, UK November 1, 2015
- * Astraea Guitar Duo recital at St Cuthbert’s Hall, Bedford , UK November 7, 2015
- * Astraea Guitar Duo at Bath Road Methodist Church; Fundraiser for Amnesty International in Swindon, UK October 17, 2015
- * Solo concert at St Cuthberts Hall in Bedford, UK (shared the stage with visiting American guitarist, Jordan Taylor) July 24, 2015
- * Concert at the SAE Institute, shared with the de Parys Trio, sponsored by The Oxford Guitar Society April 17, 2015
- * Astraea Guitar Duo recital at St. Michael at the North Gate with in Oxford, England March 14, 2015
- * UK Debut: Recital at St. Cuthbert’s Hall in Bedford, UK February 20, 2015
- * Grand Legacy Studio Showcase Recitals, Houston, TX February 7 & 8, 2015
- * Rear Window Listening Room concert with Richard Smith in Ganado, TX November 6, 2014
- * Solo recital at Laredo Community College in Laredo, TX November 4, 2014
- * Solo recital at Marchione Luthier, Studio Recital Series in Houston, TX November 2, 2014
- * Solo recital at Rear Window Listening Room in Ganado, TX June 7, 2014
- * “Classical Minds” Fundraising Concert in Organ Recital Hall at University of Houston, Texas May 31, 2014
- * Presti in concert at Frisco School of Music May 17, 2014
- * Chamber Music Concert at Anchorage Lutheran Church with Tamara McCoy, singer and pianist in Anchorage, AK March 9, 2014
- * Solo concert for the Performing Arts Society of Kenai in Soldotna, AK at the Christ Lutheran Church March 7, 2014
- * Outreach Concerts: Mountain View Elementary, Kenai Skyview High School, Soldotna Kenai Central High School in Kenai, AK through the Performing Arts Society of Kenai March 5-6, 2014
- * Solo and Chamber Music Concert (with pianist Tamara McCoy) at University Of Alaska at Anchorage in Alaska March 3, 2014
- * Solo Salon Concert-Tom Begich Series in Anchorage, AK March 1, 2014
- * Presti in concert at the Grand Canyon Guitar Society in Flagstaff, AZ September 21, 2013
- * Presti concert at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ September 20, 2013
- * Presti CD Release Concert at Sandia Prep in Albuquerque, NM September 18, 2013
- * Solo concert at the Scholarship Fundraiser which also featured 2013 “Classical Minds” students and staff in Organ Recital Hall, University of Houston May 19, 2013
- * Solo concert and voice and guitar concert with Tamara McCoy, Mezzo-soprano at the Anchorage Lutheran Church March 24, 2013

- * Salon Concert at Tom Begich House Concert Series in Anchorage, AK March 9, 2013
- * Sabine Madriguera Memorial Concert at University of Texas at Dallas; February 23, 2013
- Solo concert and Presti concert
- * Presti in concert at Danmar Studios in Katy, TX December 16, 2012
- * Solo concert at Peck School of the Arts at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee; November, 16, 2012
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- * Duo Athena (Sandra Johnson, soprano and Valerie Hartzell, guitar) recital at November, 11, 2012
- Chapel on the Hill in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
- * Duo Athena recital at Oakwood Village University Woods Auditorium in November 10, 2012
- Madison, Wisconsin
- * Troubadours Recital Series at Wofford College with Presti in Spartanburg, SC October 12, 2012
- * Presti concert at the East Carolina University Recital Series in Greenville, NC October 11, 2012
- * Presti concert at Weaver Academy Presti in Greensboro, NC October 9, 2012
- * Presti concert through the Guitar Muse Concert Series in Columbia, SC October 7, 2012
- * Solo concert at the University of Alaska, Anchorage in Anchorage, AK September 20, 2012
- * Salon concert in Anchorage, AK September 19, 2012
- * Solo concert at the Maxine & Jesse Whitney Museum in Valdez, AK September 15, 2012
- * Solo Fundraiser Concert for the “Classical Minds” Competition May 6, 2012
- and Institute to raise funds for scholarships
- * Solo concert at the Svenska Margaretakyrkan in **Oslo, Norway** March 22, 2012
- * Solo recital at the Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC March 2, 2012
- * *Carols of the Southwest* by Conrad Sousa with the Houston Chamber December 10-12, 2011
- Choir at Villa de Matel in Houston, TX
- * Solo recital at the Settlement Music School through the Philadelphia November 13, 2011
- Guitar Society in Philadelphia, PA
- * Salon Concert at Casa de Lucia both solo and as Duo Athena in Houston, TX November, 6, 2011
- * Lecture Recitals at Texas A&M in College Station, TX October 27, 2011
- * Concert at Hillsborough Community College Dale Mabry Auditorium September 30, 2011
- in Tampa Bay, FL with Presti
- * Concert at the Rehearsal Hall Auditorium at University of Central Florida September 29, 2011
- with Presti in Orlando, FL
- * Cure for Cancer Benefit Concert, Greater Houston Guitar Guild Salon August 19, 2011
- with Presti in Katy, TX
- * *Ex Tenebris Lux* CD Release Concert at Dowling Music in Houston, TX August 13, 2011
- * Voice and Guitar Duo with Alison Greene through the Divergence Vocal Theater: June 10, 2011
- “Evening Star: Beauty Bringer” at the Rothko Chapel in Houston, TX
- * Presti in concert at the Robertson & Sons Violin Shop Recital Hall in Albuquerque, NM March 19, 2011
- * Presti in concert at The Scottish Rite Temple in Santa Fe, NM March 17, 2011
- * Solo recital at the Wharton Art Fair in Wharton, TX October 9, 2010
- * Solo recital at the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts in Dallas, TX September 17, 2010
- * **Concerto Concert** (Rodrigo’s *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*) with the September 24-25, 2010
- Kingwood Pops Orchestra at the Nathaniel Center in Kingwood, TX
- * Solo Fundraiser Concert for the “Classical Minds” Scholarship Fund June 5, 2010
- in Dudley Recital Hall, University of Houston in Houston, TX
- * Solo recital at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Kentucky March 16, 2010
- * Solo concert at the Auburn University Recital Series in Auburn, Alabama February 11, 2010
- * Solo recital at the NYCCGS Recital Series at the Roger Smith Hotel; NYC, NY September 13, 2009
- * Solo concert at Herberger College of the Arts, Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ April 10, 2009
- * Fundraising concert through the Greater Houston Guitar March 28th, 2009
- Guild for the “Classical Minds” Guitar Competition; Katy, TX
- * Concert through the Fort Worth Guitar Guild at The Art Gallery at the Rose Marine Theater March 8, 2009
- * Recital at Yeager Recital Hall in the Center of the Arts at Elon University; Elon, NC January 21, 2009
- * Concert through the Charlotte Guitar Society Tate Hall @ CPCC in Charlotte, NC January 17, 2009
- * Concert at Wofford College, Sandor Teszler Library Gallery, in Spartanburg, SC January 14, 2009

- * Solo recital at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC November 10, 2008
- * Solo recital through the Triangle Guitar Society at the Durham Arts Council in Raleigh/Durham, NC November 9, 2008
- * Solo recital at the Austin Classical Guitar Society Meeting at the Austin History Center October 19, 2008
- * Solo concert at the East Carolina University Competition and Festival; Greenville, NC July 12, 2008
- * Duo Athena & solo recital in concert at the Greater Houston Guitar Guild Salon Concert Series May 3, 2008
- * Solo recital at Texas State University-San Marcos in Evans Recital Hall; Texas April 6, 2008
- * Duo Athena in concert at Kemp Recital Hall at the Illinois State University; Bloomington-Normal, IL March 3, 2008
- * Duo Athena in concert at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Houston, TX May 5, 2007
- * Duo Athena in concert at the Houston Community College; Houston, TX April 14, 2007
- * Duo Athena recital at the University of Houston, downtown campus, in Houston, TX March 30, 2007
- * Recital at *Rienzi* with **Houston Grand Opera Studio Members:** March 2, 2007
Alicia Gianni, Tamara Wilson, Beau Gibson, and Liam Bonner in Houston, TX
- * Fundraising concert for S.T.A.A.R., a dog shelter, with Richard Kosowski November 4, 2006
at the Crosspoints Community Church in Katy, TX
- * Guitar concert sponsored by the Ft. Worth Guitar Guild at March 14, 2004
the Southwest Regional Library Auditorium; Ft. Worth, TX
- * Duo Athena concert at Emerson Unitarian Church in Houston, TX August 31, 2003
- * Flute and Guitar recital at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Houston, TX May 11, 2003
- * Duo Athena concert at Moores School of Music in Houston, TX April 14, 2003
- * Solo Concert at East Carolina University, NC January 21, 2003
- * **Tour:** Saluda, NC; Wofford College, SC; Appalachian State University, September 30 – October 5, 2002
NC; Elon University; NC
- * Guitar Salon Series sponsored by Jerry Yglesias and Guitar Houston September 22, 2001
- * Guest Artist at the Winner's Recital of the Villa-Lobos Guitar April 23, 2001
Competition, sponsored by KATAULUS: **Nice, FR**
- * Faculty Recitals at Montgomery College 6 concerts from Fall 2000-Spring 2003
- * Guitar Recital at the Saint Antoine de Ginestière Church May 28, 1999
presented by the Ars Antonina: **Nice, France**
- * Guitar Recital, Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA April 20, 1999
- * Faculty Solo & Chamber Music Recitals at Radford University Fall 1997-Spring 1999

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

- * Interview and performance on the Nana Akua Breakfast Show on BBC 3 June 15, 2019
Counties Radio
- * Interview and performance on *In Tune BBC Introducing, Radio 3* August 18, 2017
- * Interview by Joshua Zinn on Houston Public Radio in the Geary Studio in Houston, TX June 13, 2016
<http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/arts-culture/2016/06/13/156572/previewing-the-classical-minds-guitar-festival-with-valerie-hartzell/>
- * Houston Public Radio featured *Recuerdos de la Alhambra* from recording, *Ex Tenebris Lux* May 27, 2016
- * Duo Amiche performed live on the Iain Lee Show (show 40) on talkRADIO. The producer May 13, 2016
personally requested we call in and perform on air. We were on a train on the way back from the London concert when we called in and performed my arrangement of *Daydream Believer* of The Monkees.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOPZBhhV4rw&feature=youtu.be>
- * *Ex Tenebris Lux* recording was featured on nationally syndicated radio show *Classical Guitar Alive!* hosted by Tony Morris http://www.guitaralive.org/playlist_16_13.html (40 mins in) March 29, 2016
- * On the Iain Lee Show, BBC Three Counties Radio (6-9am) July 22, 2015
- * *Classical Classroom*, Episode 79: The Women of Classical Guitar celebrating March 9, 2015
Women's History Month <http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/news/classical-classroom-episode-79-the-women-of-classical-guitar-with-valerie-hartzell/>
- * BBC Three Counties Radio, Nick Coffey Show-live interview & performances February 19, 2015
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02hp08s> (2:13:45 start and 2:46:23 end)
- * Skyline Session, recorded three videos for 91.7FM, KUHA and also for PBS February 16, 2015
<http://houstonpublicmedia.org/news/skyline-sessions-classical-guitarist-valerie-hartzell-returns-to-houston/>

- *91.7FM, Houston Public Media interview & performance with host St. John Flynn February 6, 2015
<http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/news/guitarist-valerie-hartzell-is-back-in-houston-to-perform/>
- * BBC Three Counties Radio – Iain Lee Show (95.5 FM), UK December 23, 2014
- * Performance teasers, featured interview and performance on **Fox26 News** on both the 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. television shows in Houston, TX June 10, 2014
- Short clip: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/clip/10251323/texas-music-festival-at-university-of-houston-throughout-june>
- * **Houston's PBS**, Chanel 8 featured several times a video of “Maria” by Tarrega which was recorded in the Geary Performance Studio <http://houstonpublicmedia.org/news/video-classical-guitarist-valerie-hartzell-performs/>
 Also recorded at the Geary Studio was “Oración por Todos” by Barrios which was featured on 91.7FM
- * Interview and performance on Houston Public Media with St. John Flynn on 91.7FM, KUHA June 10, 2014
 Houston NPR: <http://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/news/valerie-hartzell-on-the-2014-classical-minds-guitar-festival/>
- * *Classical Classroom*, Episode 50 with host Dacia Day, Houston's NPR 91.7FM: June 9, 2014
<http://houstonpublicmedia.org/news/classical-classroom-episode-50-shredding-on-classical-guitar-valerie-hartzell/>
- * Canada radio station CKWR, 98.5FM: Women in Music with host Tom Quick June 9, 2014
 featured Ponce's *Sonata III* from *Ex Tenebris Lux*.
http://www.valeriehartzell.com/track/714905/ckwr-98-5-fm?feature_id=150845&trackship_id=809623
- * Concert Review in the Peninsula Clarion: March 18, 2014
<http://peninsulaclarion.com/dispatch/2014-03-17/valerie-hartzells-performance-makes-string-theory-reality>
- * Interview and LIVE performance on KDLL (NPR of Kenai): March 6, 2014
<http://www.kdll.org/no-miracles-no-freebird-just-hard-work/>
- * Radio interview for KSRM 920AM (<http://radiokenai.net/>) March 5, 2014
- * On the “Front Row” with host St. John Flynn in promotion of the Lecture Recital given by Andy Mitchell with myself premiering his new work *Anthemusa*. This was also the first performance of this work on National Radio (91.7FM, KUHA) June 11, 2013
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1370952053-Valerie-Hartzell.html>
- * On the “Front Row” with host Bob Stevenson in promotion of the Classical Minds Fundraiser; solo performance and interview on 91.7FM, KUHA May 17, 2013
<http://www.classical917.org/articles/1369067643-Classical-Minds-Guitar-Institute-and-Competition.html>
- * Marc Lester of the Anchorage Daily News produced and filmed a video of *Recuerdos de la Alhambra* by Tarrega which was filmed in the Alaskan Railroad Train Depot and posted on the Anchorage Daily News web site: <http://vimeo.com/61929174> March 13, 2013
- * Guest solo interview & performance on “The Front Row” in promotion of the 2011 Release of “*Ex Tenebris Lux*” which was recorded at the NPR studios (KUHA, 91.7Fm) in Houston, TX August 6, 2012
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1344269249-Valerie-Hartzell.html>
- * *Presti* played LIVE on “Classic Cafe” in Dallas on WRR Classical 101.1FM July 30, 2012
- * *Presti* on the “Front Row” to preview the ‘Classical Minds’ Festival Recital Series; 91.7FM, KUHA <http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1339794368-Classical-Minds.html> June 15, 2012
- * Solo performance and interview for the promotion of the ‘Classical Minds Guitar Institute and Competition on “The Front Row” on KUHA, 91.7FM May 4, 2012
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1336166637-Classical-Minds-includes-video.html>
- * On the “Front Row” with host St. John Flynn to promote the Annual Menil Community Arts Festival; 91.7FM, KUHA April 13, 2012
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1334345604-Valerie-Hartzell.html>
- * Solo performance and interview in promotion of the release of “*Ex Tenebris Lux*” on 91.7FM, KUHA August 11, 2011
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1313258098-Valerie-Hartzell---Ex-Tenebris---Lux.html>
- * *Presti* on the “Front Row” with host St. John Flynn; KUHA 91.7FM June 16, 2011
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1308345469-Classical-Minds-Guitar-Institute.html>
- * Divergence Vocal Theater with soprano Alison Greene; Program “Evening Star: Beauty Bringer” on the “Front Row” with host St. John Flynn on 91.7FM, KUHA. June 9, 2011
<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1307746293-Divergence-Vocal-Theater---Evening-Star-Beauty-Bringer.html>
- * Previewing the first concert at the 2010 Classical Minds Guitar Institute with “Front Row” host, Elaine Kennedy on 88.7FM, KUHF June 15, 2010

<http://www.thefrontrow.org/articles/1277141559-The-Front-Row---Classical-Minds-Guitar-Institute.html>

- * 88.7FM KUHF's Chris Johnson hosts a "Front Row" session to help promote a Fundraiser for the "Classical Minds" Guitar Institute in Houston, TX May 6, 2010
- <http://kuhf.convio.net/programaudio/thefrontrow/2010/05/100506Guitar.mp3>
- * Guest Solo interview & performance on KUHF, 77.7F "The Front Row:" December 4, 2009
- Promoting the first Katy Guitar Festival held in Katy, TX
- <http://kuhf.convio.net/programaudio/thefrontrow/2009/12/091204Guitars.mp3>
- *Valerie Hartzell with soprano Sandra Johnson (Duo Athena) May 31, 2007
- on 'The Front Row,' KUHF, 88.7FM. Interview with Dean Dalton.
- http://www.kuhf.org/programaudio/thefrontrow/2007/05/070531Athena_128k.mp3
- *Guest on 'Pulling Strings' with Elaine Kennedy and Marc May 26, 2007
- Garvin; KUHF, 88.7FM
- *Valerie Hartzell and tenor Richard Kosowski on 88.7FM, KUHF 'The Front November 3, 2006
- Row'. Performed three of the "Letters from Composers" by Argento. Interview by Catherine Lu.
- *Duo Athena (soprano Sandra Johnson and guitarist Valerie June 1, 2006
- Hartzell) interviewed by Dean Dalton on 'The Front Row' KUHF, 88.7FM (with Kithara Duo)
- *Guest on 'Pulling Strings' with Elaine Kennedy and Marc May, 2006
- Garvin; KUHF, 88.7FM (with Isaac Bustos)
- * Guest with Sandra Johnson (Duo Athena) with host Dean Dalton on "The Front May 2005
- Row;" Preview interview and performance for the 3rd "Classical Minds" Institute Recital Series
- *Guest on 'Pulling Strings' with Elaine Kennedy and Marc Garvin; KUHF, 88.7FM May 14, 2005
- *Interview on 'The Front Row' with Dean Dalton on KUHF, 88.7FM May 28, 2004
- *Interview on 'The Front Row' with Dean Dalton on KUHF, 88.7FM (With Randall Avers) June 2, 2004
- ***Houston: Winner of the "K-Artist of the Month Contest"**
- Interview with Tom Richards on 92.1FM August 14, 2003
- Performance (live broadcast) at Magnolia Bar & Grill August 17, 2003
- *Houston: Interview with Dean Dalton on KUHF, 88.7FM May 8, 2003

PRESS:

- * May 2, 2021: Interview by Andrew Williams for Bergmann Edition: <https://bergmann-edition.com/blogs/news/tagged/hartzell>
- *July 4, 2018: Ashbourne News Telegraph, full spread with photo
- * 2018: Dronfield Eye, interview by Deborah Wain, full page spread with photo
- * December 8, 2017: Times & Citizen, article on the Cranfield Hall Recital written by Peter Ormerod
- * September 2016 Issue: Bedfordshire The Oracle: interview and article plus photos by Emily Ward
- *May 7, 2016: Bedfordshire on Sunday, in promotion of the Duo Amiche concert held in Bedford. Picture by Mark Rutledge
- * January 17, 2016: Bedfordshire on Sunday, article with photo taken by Richard Marsham
- * November 4, 2015: South Warrington News (No. 273), article with photo by Robert Nejako (pg 6 & 7): <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/launch.aspx?eid=923924cb-5691-4cc8-8102-d0acd257720e>
- *November 13, 2015: Interview by David Morgan in the Warrington Guardian. Photo by Mark Rutledge
- * July 19, 2015: Article in the Bedfordshire on Sunday (Leisure Section) with photos by Richard Marsham <http://www.bedfordshire-news.co.uk/student-teacher-different-guitar-classical-St/story-26925657-detail/story.html>
- * January 25, 2015: Full page article by Judy Riley for the Bedfordshire on Sunday (Leisure Section) with photos by Richard Marsham <http://www.bedfordshire-news.co.uk/Val-rie-Hartzell-evening-classical-guitar-music/story-25914131-detail/story.html>
- * March 6 2014 Article: interview and photos by Rashah McChesney for the Peninsula Clarion newspaper of Kenai in the Entertainment Section regarding the Performing Arts Society solo concert which took place March 7, 2014 <http://peninsulaclarion.com/arts-entertainment/2014-03-05>
- * March 5th 2014 Article: interview by Jenny Neyman in the Arts & Entertainment Section in the Redoubt Reporter newspaper of Kenai regarding the Performing Arts Society solo concert
- * September 2013 No. 596, No 9, Gendai Guitar Magazine article, *Letter from New York* by Julia Crowe

- * Interview regarding the 10th Anniversary of the 'Classical Minds' Festival & Competition (2013), held at University of Houston, in the Houston Chronicle Blog written by Mike Emery.
<http://blog.chron.com/creativepride/2013/06/six-questions-for-six-string-queen-valerie-hartzell/>
- * Article on Sunday, March 24th, 2013 in the Anchorage Daily News, front page of the Entertainment Section featuring an interview, photo (taken by ADN's Marc Lester) and announcement regarding the March 24th concert
- * Review of "Ex Tenebris Lux" CD in March/April 2012 issue of *Fanfare Magazine* written by Lynn Rene Bayley
- * <http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/business-being-diva/2011/oct/6/valerie-hartzell-out-darkness-light/>
- * Classical Guitar Magazine: *Letter from New York* by Julia Crowe, published in February 2010
(<http://www.juliacrowe.com/2010pdf/2-10LFNY.pdf>)
- * Review of the 2007 'Classical Minds' Guitar Institute in Arts Hound Magazine written by Alison Young, Assistant Producer to the "Front Row," 88.7FM, KUHF
- * Review of the 2006 "Classical Minds" Guitar Institute in Soundboard Magazine, Vol. 32, No. 3-4 written by [Frank Koonce](#)

QUOTES:

- * **BBC Introducing** said: "Valérie is an enrapturing classical guitarist..."
- * "Terrific! Flames licking at the guitar!" - **BBC Radio 3** presenter, Sara Mohr-Pietsch, about Hartzell's performance of *Fuoco* by Dyens on the show, *In Tune*
- * [Fanfare Magazine](#) says of "Ex Tenebris Lux":
"Hartzell very obviously loves her instrument and the music she plays on it...[she] proves herself to be a master at creating moods..."
- * Iain Lee, host of *Late Nights with Iain Lee* on **talkRADIO** in England:
"You are properly brilliant...you're amazing, I would suggest."
- * Elliot Frank, Director of the East Carolina Guitar Festival and Competition:
"Hartzell plays with spirit and verve and her musical ideas are invariably thought provoking."
- * Barbara Christian, President of the Performing Arts Society in Kenai:
"A mesmerizing evening of virtuoso classical guitar: Valerie Hartzell is one with the guitar and the world classics she translates to her rapt audience; there is no barrier between the exquisitely rendered music and the listener."
- * Award Winning Composer & Guitarist Michael Nicoletta says of "Ex Tenebris Lux":
"Beautiful playing!! The well-known pieces are all given a thoughtful and insightful interpretation (I especially liked the Ponce) and the lesser known works are a very welcome addition - especially Olga [Amelkina-Vera]'s piece."

RECORDINGS:

- Solo track, [Circular Motion](#), recorded for the composer, Paul Ibbotson on iTunes June 28, 2018
- Solo track [Romanza-Barcarolle](#), recorded for the composer, Paul Ibbotson on iTunes March 28, 2017
- [Presti](#) - Release in September 2013 and was recorded at the NPR studios in Houston, TX. Presti is a trio with members Olga Amelkina-Vera, Valerie Hartzell and Lynn McGrath
- [Ex Tenebris Lux](#) – Released in August 2011 through Soundset Recordings and was recorded at the NPR studios in Houston, TX
- [Fuoco!](#) First solo cd released on September 27th, 2002

COMPETITIONS:

- * 3rd Prize Winner in the Dagenham's Got Talent, Effective Entertainments In Dagenham, UK May 2014
- * First person to win 92.1 FM's K-Artist of the Month Contest August 2003
- * Semi-Finalist (Top 10) at the Stotsenburg International Competition; Malibu, Ca May 30-June 1, 2003
- * 2nd Place Winner of the Portland Solo Guitar Competition: Portland, Or March 9, 2002
- * Finalist in Appalachian State Guitar Competition; Boone, NC April 2001
- * 1st Place Winner of the 10th International Guitar Competition 'Simone Salmaso': Viareggio, It March 30, 2001
- * Finalist in East Carolina University Competition; Greenville, NC July 2000
- * 1st Place Winner of the 'Concours de Guitare Classique Heitor Villa-Lobos': Nice, Fr June 11, 2000

JUDGING:

- * Annual "Classical Minds International Guitar Competition Finals" June 17, 2017

*Annual 'Classical Minds' Guitar Festival at Moores School of Music, University of Houston	2008-2016
* TX A&M Guitar Symposium and Competition	October 24-26, 2014
* Annual Orpheus Academy Competition in Austin, TX	November 15, 2009
* Rosario Festival and Competition in Columbia, SC at the Carolina Music Academy	April 24-26, 2009
* College Division at the MANC Guitar Festival and Competition in Greensboro, NC	November 14 - 16, 2008
* East Carolina University Competition & Festival in Greenville, NC	July 12-15, 2008
* Eastfield Competition & Festival; Mesquite, TX	June 8-9, 2007
* St. Joseph International Guitar Competition; St. Joseph, Missouri	May 16-20, 2007
* Six Annual Texas Guitar Competition at University of Texas at Dallas; Dallas, TX	March 22-24, 2007
*Judged both the Pre-College Division and the College/Professional Division at the East Carolina University Competition; Greenville, NC	July 15-18, 2006
* Eastfield College Guitar Competition; Mesquite, TX	July 29-30, 2005
*Adjudicated the CCMTA Instrumental Performance Contest	February 10, 2002
* Suzuki Guitar Competition: Houston, TX	Spring 2001
*Adjudicated the West Virginia Music Teachers Association Collegiate Guitar Competition	October 18, 1997

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

* Private classical guitar and piano tutor at Leweston School	September 2021 - present
* Musical Director and Conductor of the Cambridge Guitar Orchestra	January 2017 – August 2021
* Private piano and theory tutoring in England	January 2015 - present
* Private guitar lessons in England	January 2015 - present
* Workshop through the Diss Guitar Society in Norfolk	September 17, 2017
* Master class through the Liverpool Guitar Society, at Liverpool Hope University	March 4, 2017
* Music Director of the North Bucks Guitar Club	September 2015-December 2016
* Master class with Dr Bishop's studio at Laredo Community College in Laredo, TX	November 4, 2014
* Master Class at University of Texas at Dallas	May 11, 2014
* Workshop at Eastfield College	May 16, 2014
* Master class at University of Alaska at Anchorage	February 28,
2014	
* Private Studio in Anchorage, Alaska	August 2012-April 2013
*Private Classical Guitar Studio in Katy, TX & through Skype in Anchorage, AK	08/1999 – 07/2013
* Presti Master class for Frank Koonce's studio at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ	September 21, 2013
* Master class at Peck School of the Arts at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee; Milwaukee, Wisconsin	November 17, 2012
* Presti Master Class for Dr Elliot Frank's studio at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC	October 11, 2012
* Presti Master Class for Patrick Lui's studio at Weaver Academy in Greensboro, NC	October 9, 2012
* Presti Master Class through the Guitar Muse Concert Series in Columbia, SC	October 6, 2012
* Master Class at the Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC	March 2, 2012
*Adjunct Professor at the Houston Community College in Houston, TX: Music Fundamentals, Theory I, Music Appreciation, Piano Class 1, Private Guitar Students	January 2003 – 2011
*Professional Teacher at Moores School of Music; University of Houston	August 2003 – May 2009
* Master class at Herberger College of the Arts, Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ	April 9, 2009
* Master class at Yeager Recital Hall in the Center of the Arts Building at Elon University; Elon, NC	January 21, 2009
* Master class with Dr Douglas James' studio at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC	November 11, 2008
* Master class for Mark Cruz's studio at Texas State University-San Marcos in Evans Recital Hall; San Marcos, TX	April 6, 2008
* Master class with Dr. Angelo Favis' studio Kemp Recital Hall at the Illinois State University; Bloomington-Normal, IL	March 2, 2008
*Full time Instructor of Music at Montgomery College in Conroe, TX: Theory 1, Music Appreciation, Ear Training & Sight-Singing, Guitar Class, Guitar Ensemble, Private Guitar Lessons	August 2002 – May 2003

*Adjunct Faculty at Montgomery College in Conroe, TX: Music Fundamentals, Music Appreciation, Private Guitar Lessons	October 2000 – June 2002
*Adjunct Guitar Faculty at College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX	Spring 2000
*Adjunct Guitar Faculty at Radford University in Radford, VA: Private Guitar Lessons, Fretboard Skills Class, Faculty Recitals	Fall 1997 - Spring 1999
*Graduate Teaching Fellow at Radford University in Radford, VA: Guitar Class 1, Guitar Ensemble, Adjudicating Juries	Fall 1997 - Spring 1999

AWARDS:

*Certificate of Appreciation, by the US Dept. of Homeland Security for outstanding performance at the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month Program for the Airport and Seaport	September 2, 2009
*Scholarship, <u>Chautauqua Festival</u> : Chautauqua, NY	August 12-18, 2001
	August 13-19, 2000
*Scholarship, Highest Music Stipend, Dorm	September 1997-May 1999
*Scholarship: <u>Radford University</u>	
*Maximum Guitar Undergraduate Scholarship: <u>Peabody Conservatory</u>	1992 - 1997

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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