

Armin Abdihodžić & Tomoka Raften

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Reunited after five years, Tomoka Raften on flute and Armin Abdihodžić on classical guitar will present an eclectic and sophisticated program that spans centuries and diverse musical styles. The concert begins with the timeless brilliance of Johann Sebastian Bach, whose compositions are revered for their intricate counterpoint and emotional depth. The duo will begin the program with Bach's *Sonata for Flute and Continuo in E Major*, a lively and elegant work that exemplifies the Baroque style with its intricate counterpoint and expressive melodies.

The program continues with the evocative work of Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, whose pieces for guitar and flute offer modern interpretations of classical traditions, rich in color and texture. Tedesco's *Sonata for Flute and Guitar* will highlight the duo's ability to combine contemporary rhythms and melodic complexity, exploring the intimate relationship between the two instruments.

Next, the duo will perform an atmospheric work by the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, whose music often draws on both Eastern and Western influences. Takemitsu's *Toward the Sea* will take the audience on a meditative journey, using the guitar and flute to create delicate, impressionistic soundscapes that evoke the spirit of the ocean.

Finally, the program will feature a selection of French compositions, known for their refinement and elegance. Works by Maurice Ravel, Gabriel Fauré, and Jacques Ibert will demonstrate the nuanced interplay between the guitar and flute, capturing the essence of French musical sensibilities with their lyrical lines and lush harmonies.

This program invites listeners to experience the versatility and expressive range of the classical guitar and flute duo, weaving through different styles and eras in an evening of refined musical exploration.