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El Camino College to Sponsor Second Annual Guitar Festival

The public is invited to attend El Camino College's Second Annual Guitar Festival, scheduled for April 29 and 30. The festival includes two full days of concerts, clinics and master classes, with representatives from guitar programs from nearly every college and university in the area. All activities are free and open to the public.

The event features volunteer clinicians who will teach specific master classes on various styles of guitar, including classical, rock/metal, and jazz. Volunteer clinicians and their workshops include: German Schauss, from the LA Music Academy faculty, rock guitar workshop, 4 p.m. April 29; John Dearman, ECC faculty, classical guitar workshop, 10 a.m. April 30; and Pat Kelley, USC faculty, studio/jazz guitar workshop, 1 p.m. April 30. All guitar workshops will take place in the Music Building, Room 134.

"The annual El Camino College Guitar Festival is fast becoming the largest guitar festival of its kind in Southern California," said Chris Mello, ECC director of guitar studies. "Not only does it focus on the great guitar opportunities here at El Camino College, but also brings these talented clinicians, performers, and educators directly to our students for an unparalleled level of interaction, inspiration, and hands-on learning."

One highlight of the festival is "Wild Stringdom," a concert showcasing the talents of El Camino College guitar faculty John Dearman, Matt Greif, Richard Hastings, and Chris Mello, set for 7 p.m. April 29 in the college's Haag Recital Hall.

An interactive panel discussion and question and answer period titled "Career Paths for Guitarists in the Music Industry" is also part of the celebration and will give students interested in pursuing a career in music some insights into the industry.

The festival wraps up at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Campus Theatre with "Guitar Frenzy," a concert featuring more than 20 Southern California college/university guitar ensembles of varying styles. Guitarists from USC; California State University, Dominguez Hills; Cerritos College; Long Beach City College; ECC Compton Center; Vanguard University; Fullerton College; California State University, Fullerton; Los Angeles Music Academy; Santa Ana College; Southern Utah University; Orange County High School for the Arts; Pierce College; and El Camino College will perform in this festival finale.

All those interested in the guitar are invited to attend this free event – clinic participants should be 14 years old and above. Parking on the El Camino College campus costs \$2.

For more information, go to www.ECCGuitar.com.

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