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Short Biography:

Hailed by NBC News as a guitarist who "...can make the guitar sing like it was invented to be in his hands," native Oregonian Tye Austin recently made his solo-debut at London's Royal Albert Hall after winning first place in the 2016 Grand Prize Virtuoso International Music Competition. He'll be competing in the final round of the Forte International Music Competition at Carnegie Hall on February 4, 2017. Tye has performed with Grammy-winning musicians such as Sharon Isbin, Eliot Fisk, and Bela Fleck, and he's been interviewed on National Public Radio. Psychology Today praised the way, "Tye Austin led us (the audience) into a musical embrace," following his debut performance at the historical Boston Athenaeum. He is also an accomplished composer/arranger dedicated to expanding the guitar repertoire. The 2016-17 concert season will see the premiere of new chamber music he composed for the Boston Guitar Orchestra and his newly-formed Back Bay String Quartet. Thanks to a generous patronage and private scholarship, he graduated from the New England Conservatory with his Master of Music degree under the tutelage of legendary maestro Eliot Fisk (the last student of Andres Segovia). Tye plays a custom-made 2015 Steve Connor Guitar from Cape Cod, MA. Visit www.tyeaustin.com for more information.

Press Quotes:

"...Tye Austin led us into a musical embrace. One could almost see the notes floating through the Athenaeum, over the ivy boughs laced with white lights and into the gallery of books and paintings."

-Rita Watson, *Psychology Today*

"Tye Austin can make the guitar sing like it was invented to be in his hands...he plays classical guitar like a veteran twice his age."

-Joe Camarlinghi, *NBC-5*

"Tye has a beautiful style and passion. He speaks from a deep and masterful soul through his guitar. He approaches his instrument as a priest might approach his altar, bringing with him a spirited presence that makes the hair stand up on your arms and tears dampen the eyes. He is a gift to our (Rogue) valley."

-John Darling, *Medford Mail Tribune*

"Tye Austin...all around guitar guru..."

-Colleen Slavin, *Oregon Shakespeare Festival*