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## J.K Mertz Bicentennial Guitar Festival at NEIU

**WHAT:** The J.K. Mertz Bicentennial Guitar Festival, a three-day celebration commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of 19<sup>th</sup>-century virtuoso guitarist and composer J.K. Mertz, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1856 Brussels Guitar Competition. Presented and directed by Brian Torosian, department of music, Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU).

Concerts include performances by the Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo, David Schrader, Richard Graef, Alison Ruble, and Torosian. Pre-concert lectures will feature music historian Matanya Ophee, luthier Richard Bruné and Torosian, who will also present a free master class.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 26, lectures begin at 6:30 p.m., concert at 8 p.m.  
Friday, October 27, lecture begins at 7 p.m., concert at 8 p.m.  
Saturday, October 28, master class begins at 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** NEIU Fine Arts Center Recital Hall  
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago (Use campus entrance located at 3701 West Bryn Mawr Avenue.)

**DETAILS:** General admission \$10; seniors \$5. Pre-concert lecture included in concert ticket purchase. Call (773) 442-4636 for tickets. For more information call (773) 442-5921.

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