

**First
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presents

Brad Conroy
Guitarist

Friday, Mar. 5, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church

Live streamed via  **YouTube**

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us for today's virtual First Fridays concert! We are thrilled to share and provide the community with beautiful music in an accessible and affordable manner.

If you are grateful for today's concert and wish to express your thanks with a donation, you can do so electronically: grace-lutheran-church.snwbl.com/giving-portal or text to give at 414-404-5193. Your gift will support future concerts at Grace Church.

Want to attend future First Fridays concerts? Follow Grace Downtown on Facebook or visit gracedowntown.org/firstfridays to keep up to date on the First Fridays concert series.

Artist Biography

Guitarist Brad Conroy is a versatile guitarist, performer, and pedagogue who specializes in the art and scholarship of the classical guitar. Brad performs from a diverse repertoire which begins at the Renaissance and goes through to the 21st century, often including his own compositions, improvisations, and new works which have been dedicated to him.

He has given concerts across the United States and abroad, with appearances that include Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, the International Guitar Festival in Brno, Czech Republic, the Western Illinois University International Guitar Festival, the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Classical Guitar Society, the Czech Guitar Society, as well as a private concert for Caroline Kennedy and her entourage.

Since 2009 Conroy has contributed to music journalism as a staff writer with *Guitar International* where he writes lessons, reviews, and interviews with many of today's leading artists.

During the summer of 2013 Brad received a scholarship to study with Vladislav Blaha and Judicael Perroy in Brno, Czech Republic, where he was a Young Artist in Residence performing throughout the region.

Brad finished his B.M. at Northeastern Illinois University (cum laude) with a degree in Classical Guitar Performance where he studied with 19th century scholar Dr. Brian Torosian, and furthered his music studies with a M.M. in Classical Guitar Performance at The Chicago College of Performing Arts, the music conservatory at Roosevelt University where he studied with world renowned guitarists Denis Azabagic and Sergio Assad.

Brad Conroy is on faculty at the Music Institute of Chicago, and he heads the guitar program at Elgin Community College.

Program

Brad Conroy *Guitarist*

Entrelacer	Brad Conroy (b. 1977)
Prelude 3	Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959)
Granada	Isaac Albeniz (1860-1909)
Op. 44, No. 1	Fernando Sor (1778-1839)
Op. 35, No. 22	
Two Exercises in sixths	
Op. 60, No. 7	
Op. 31, No. 17	
Sonata Mexicana	Manuel Ponce (1882-1948)
Four Preludes	Brad Conroy (b. 1977)
Three Estudio Sencillos	Leo Brouwer (b. 1938)
Un dia de Noviembre	
Lagrima	Francisco Tarrega (1852-1909)
Adelita	
Recuerdos de la Alahambra	
Tarantelle	J.K. Mertz (1806-1856)



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. He saves all lost sinners even without our help.

Whether you are a seasoned Christian, a curious observer with little religious background, or a spiritual person looking to return to the church, we invite you to Grace.

Founded in 1849, Grace Church has been a vital part of downtown Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod for over 170 years.

Join us for Worship

Sunday morning at 7:45, 9, or 10:30 a.m.
Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

You can also join us at our second site in the Third Ward!

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Broadway Theatre Center
Second Floor in the Salon
(158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee)

Upcoming First Fridays Concerts

Friday, April 2
NO CONCERT

Friday, May 7
Yeram Yoon
guitarist

Friday, June 4
Joseph Hauer
classical pianist

Friday, July 2
Karen Beaumont
organist

Please note: due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, all upcoming concerts are subject to change. Concerts may be postponed, rescheduled, or offered only via live-stream. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding!