**Gaëlle Solal**

***Bio (English)***

Guitarist of extraordinary passion and virtuosity, Gaëlle Solal was born in Marseilles (France) and began playing the guitar at age 6 with René Bartoli. At 14, she won three gold medals at the Conservatoire de Marseilles and as the best student among all instruments, was awarded the Prix de la Ville de Marseille.

A winner of 1st Grand Prix at multiple competitions including Alessandria Competition, Locquémeau, Savona, Sernancehle, and Finalist at Concert Artists Guild New York, Honor Diplom at Accademia Chigiana, and 2nd Prize at Guitar Foundation of America. Gaëlle has performed in more than 35 countries including Germany, Myanmar, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Israel, Spain, France, Gabon, India, Iceland, Italy, Laos, Malaysia, Morocco, Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, USA, and Japan.

She has performed in prominent festivals including Festival dIle de France, Noches en los Reales Alcázares in Sevilla, Festival dAvignon, Festival Montpellier-Radio France and at Salle Cortot (Paris), Zellerbach Hall (Berkeley), Tsuda Hall, Nikkei Hall, Oji Hall in Tokyo, Merkin Concert Hall (NY), and at the Guitar Foundation of America’s International Convention in 2011. She has been invited back numerous times and recently at 2017 GFA, she presented her production of the creative and unique musical comedy, Crazy Nails!, in collaboration with Boris Gaquere that left audiences in complete awe of their talents and received a rave review from Classical Guitar Magazine.

 She has been a soloist in concertos with the Berkeley Symphony, the Garde Républicaine Orchestra, and the Philharmonic of Turin Orchestra.

Recent and upcoming United States recitals include New York City Classical Guitar Society; the Garth Newel Chamber Music Festival (VA); Interlochen (MI); Cleveland Guitar Weekend; St. Louis Classical Guitar Society; the Guitar Foundation of America (GFA) Conventions in Charleston, SC, Fullerton, CA, and Louisville, KY; Hillsborough Community College, Tampa; Xavier University, Cleveland Guitar Society; the State University of New York, Fredonia; Sarasota Classical Guitar Society; Clemson University; the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; the Nashville Public Library; and educational outreach recitals for the Austin Classical Guitar Society, Texas, and teaching for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Gaëlle will also tour in France, Italy, Bosnia, Germany, Marocco, and Peru.

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