

Dr. Miroslav Lončar-BIO

Dr. Miroslav Lončar (*pronounced Lonchar*) - teacher, performing artist, and composer for guitar, is a native of Croatia living in Sterling, Virginia. He teaches guitar and the multicultural performance group *World View* at Park View High School. Dr. Lončar directs the Loudoun Youth Guitars and is the president of the Aguado Guitar Concerts - a group of guitar enthusiasts that promotes classical guitar and provides a variety of performance opportunities for guitarists in Loudoun County. Dr. Lončar has served on the Guitar Foundation of America Education Committee and is a member of the Association of Croatian American Professionals.

Dr. Lončar started his music education in his native Croatia and went on to study in Austria, where he received his master's degree, and later in the United States, where he earned his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Lončar has taught classical guitar, music history, music theory, music appreciation, and German, and during the twenty years of teaching has worked with students at all levels, from primary to university. Prior to joining the music department at Park View High School, he taught at the University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and Sacred Heart Elementary School. Twenty years ago, Dr. Lončar began conducting the Karlovac International Summer Guitar School and the Imotski Summer Guitar School in his native Croatia, where young guitarists and world-class teachers meet every summer for classes, concerts, and other fun activities. A number of students who attended the Karlovac International Summer Guitar School have gone on to study guitar at prestigious universities. Most of them are now successful performers and teachers.

In addition to teaching, Miroslav Lončar has been performing on classical guitar throughout Europe and the United States, mostly in the Klasinc&Lončar Guitar Duo with his wife, and recently with the Lončar Trio that includes their daughter Maya, and with the NOVA Guitar Quartet. Lončar has appeared as solo artist with the Dubrovnik Festival Orchestra, the Graz Philharmonics, the Mississippi Symphony, the Meridian Symphony, the Gulf Coast Symphony, the Symphony of West Florida, the Loudoun Symphony and other orchestras. He has recorded several albums; solo, with the Klasinc&Lončar Duo, Trio Bolero, the calypso group Kaiso, and others.

Since his earliest teaching days, Miroslav Lončar has been writing educational and performance compositions for all levels, from easy to artist. Thirteen books of his original compositions have been published by Les Productions d'Oz and Clear Note Publications. Dr. Lončar is also an active promoter of classical guitar, having organized numerous guitar concerts, concert series, master classes, competitions, and festivals.

