



## Benjamin Verdery, guitar

Benjamin Verdery (b. 1955)

*Prelude & Wedding Dance* (2004)  
For Ric

### Three Works Inspired by J.S. Bach

Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887 – 1959)  
arranged by Roland Dyens

*Bachianas Brasileiras #5*

Seymour Bernstein (b. 1927)  
written for Benjamin Verdery

*Searching for a Chorale* (2016)

Ingram Marshall (b. 1945)  
written for Benjamin Verdery

*Soepa* (1999)  
In three movements  
For electric classical guitar with digital  
delay and loops

\*\*\**Intermission*\*\*\*

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*Now and Ever* (2007-8)  
For David and Marie  
In two movements

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From Eleven Etudes:  
*Worry Knot*  
*Let Go*  
*Now You See It, Now You Don't,*  
*Now You Do*  
*Start Now*  
*Home Is Here*

W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)  
arranged by Benjamin Verdery

*Adagio*, K 540

arranged by Benjamin Verdery  
Prince (1958 – 2016)  
Randy Newman (b. 1943)  
Jimi Hendrix (1942 – 1970)

Three North American Songs:  
1 *Kiss*  
2 *In Germany Before The War*  
3 *Purple Haze*

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
**8:00 p.m.**

*Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall*  
*Williamstown, Massachusetts*

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*No photography or recording is permitted.*



## Benjamin Verdery

Described by *The New York Times* as “an iconoclastic player,” Benjamin Verdery has been hailed for his innovative and eclectic musical career. In a recent interview Ben brought us up to date. “I had a fabulously exciting musical year (2016) including several releases: *The Ben Verdery Guitar Project: On Vineyard Sound*, new guitar music from my extraordinary colleagues at Yale, released by Elm City Records which I founded with my former student and dear friend, Sol Silber; a personal documentary shot in Korea for Arirang TV, ArTravel series and three videos including two protest videos: *Chant For Peace* and J.S. Bach’s *Chaconne*, subtitled *An interpretation Celebrating the Earth, Sky and Sea*. In addition, I was honored to perform an evening of my compositions including a new duo, From Aristotle, with Beat Box champion Mark Martin for the GFA and presented concerts and master classes in Holland, Germany, and England and hosted my 17th annual Maui Guitar Class.

I begin 2017 with a premier of *Searching for a Chorale* by one of my dearest mentor’s, Seymour Bernstein; curating and performing at the 92Y’s Guitar Marathon and embarking on a new solo work for the Changsha International competition in China.

I’m into my 32nd year as the guitar professor at the Yale School of Music and my 10th year as Artistic Director of 92Y’s Art of the Guitar series! It’s all coconuts!”

See [music.williams.edu](http://music.williams.edu) for full details and additional happenings as well as to sign up for the weekly e-newsletters.

### Upcoming Events:

Fri Feb 24	dusk	All-Night Marathon of Voices	Thompson Memorial Chapel
Thu Mar 2	4:15pm	Prof. Tania Leon – Class of 1960 Lecture	Bernhard Room 30
Fri Mar 3	7:15pm	Pre-Concert Talk with Ronald Feldman, conductor of the Berkshire Symphony	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Mar 3	8pm	Berkshire Symphony	Chapin Hall
Sat Mar 4	2pm	Berkshire Symphony Family Concert with Ephs Out Loud	Chapin Hall
Wed Mar 8	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC	Chapin Hall, stage
Thu Mar 9	4:15pm	Zachary Wadsworth – Faculty Talk	Bernhard Room 30
Fri Mar 10	8pm	Williams Chamber Players	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Mar 11	5pm	Master Class – Takács String Quartet – Visiting Artist Series	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun Mar 12	3pm	Takács String Quartet – Visiting Artist Series	Chapin Hall
Wed Mar 15	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC	Chapin Hall, stage
Tue Apr 4	8pm	Alexander Korsantia, piano – Visiting Artist Series	Chapin Hall
Wed Apr 5	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC <i>Having Never Written a Note</i>	Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Apr 5	4:15pm	Master Class – Alexander Korsantia, piano – Visiting Artist Series	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Thu Apr 6	4:15pm	Master Class – ICE – Visiting Artist Series	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Apr 7	8pm	ICE – Visiting Artist Series	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Apr 8	4pm	Williams Handbell Choir	Chapin Hall
Sat Apr 8	8pm	Williams Student Symphony	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Apr 12	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC in the Chapel	Thompson Memorial Chapel
Wed Apr 12	4:15pm	Prof. Tim Roman – Class of 1960 Lecture.	Bernhard Room 30
Mon Apr 17	4:15pm	Brad Wells – Faculty Talk	Bernhard Room 30
Wed Apr 19	8pm	Lakou Mizik – Visiting Artist Series	Chapin Hall
Fri Apr 21	7:15pm	Pre-Concert Talk with Ronald Feldman, conductor of the Berkshire Symphony	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Apr 21	8pm	Berkshire Symphony Student Soloist Gala	Chapin Hall
Fri Apr 21	8pm	Kusika/Zambezi Marimba Band Spring concert	MainStage, ‘62 Center
Sat Apr 22	4pm	Williams Gospel Choir	Chapin Hall
Sat Apr 22	6:30pm	Kurt Pfrommer ’18, tenor – Student Performance	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat Apr 22	8pm	Kusika/Zambezi Marimba Band Spring concert	MainStage, ‘62 Center
Mon Apr 24	7pm	Christine Pash ’18, soprano – Student Performance	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Wed Apr 26	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC	Chapin Hall, stage
Wed Apr 26	4:15pm	Prof. Alex Rehding – Class of 1960 Lecture	Bernhard Room 30
Thu Apr 27	7pm	Williams Brass Ensemble	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri Apr 28	4pm	Williams Chamber Choir	The Clark
Fri Apr 28	8pm	Williams Jazz Ensemble	Chapin Hall
Sat Apr 29	8pm	Williams Percussion Ensemble	Chapin Hall
Sun Apr 30	1pm	Stacey Tamura ’17, piano – Senior Recital	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun Apr 30	4pm	Williams Chamber Choir	The Clark
Wed May 3	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC	Chapin Hall, stage
Wed May 3	7pm	Chinese Music Ensemble	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat May 6	1pm	Nathaniel Vilas ’17 – Senior Piano Recital	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat May 6	3pm	Samantha Stone ’17, oboe – Senior Thesis Recital	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sat May 6	5pm	Scott Daniel ’17, violin – Senior Thesis Recital	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun May 7	1pm	Celeste Pepitone-Nahas ’17, piano – Senior Recital	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Sun May 7	4pm	Erin Kennedy ’19 – Student Performance	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri May 5	4pm	Anna DeLoi ’18, harp – Student Performance	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall
Fri May 5	8pm	Williams Concert Choir & Williams Chamber Choir	Chapin Hall
Wed May 10	12:15pm	MIDWEEKMUSIC	Chapin Hall, stage
Wed May 10	7pm	Small Jazz Ensembles	Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall