



[Marina Alexandra](#) has established herself as a dynamic performer with a powerful stage presence. Finger Style Guitar Magazine described her as an “amazing player that commands the guitar with world-class technique and musicianship that is uncommon.”

She has received awards in several guitar competitions including the Music Teachers National Association State and Regional Competitions and semifinalist in the 6th annual *Edwin H. and Leigh W. Schadt National String Competition* for classical guitar. Marina has a concert career spanning the last fifteen years, taking her to Piccolo Spoleto Festival, National Public Radio, Allentown Radio, and hundreds of venues including colleges and museums throughout USA. She has released two albums including; *Timeless Enchantment* (Baroque, Classical, Modern, and Latin-American music) and *A Moment of Magic* (modern music by Russian composer, Nikita Koshkin). Her last CD received high praises from such prestigious music magazines as *Soundboard*, *Classical Guitar (UK)* and *American Record Guide*.

Marina Alexandra was born in the Ukraine, where she began her guitar studies at the age of six. In 1996 she immigrated with her family to the United States, and in 1998 she was awarded an assistantship to earn her Master of Music degree at the University of South Carolina. She has served on the faculties of Furman University, University of South Carolina- Aiken, SC, Wingate University, and Columbia College. Her students have been awarded scholarships to attend music schools such as the Eastman School of Music, Peabody Conservatory, and University of Southern California. Under Marina’s direction, many students have also received top prizes in national guitar competitions. She is guitarist in [Duo de Vista](#) with flutist, Teri Forscher-Milter, and performs regularly on stages throughout the southeast, U.S. Marina is both founder and director of the Guitar Muse Society and the Southern Guitar Festival and Competitions. Her foundations have given opportunities for young guitarists to learn and compete in the southeast and around the entire United States.