FOURTH ANNUAL  
COLLIN COLLEGE GUITAR FESTIVAL  
Feb. 12-14, 2016  
Presented by Collin College Music Department and Collin College Guitar Studies  

Featuring Guest Artist  
Dr. Lynn McGrath  
Directors:  
Kithara Duo  
(Drs. Olga Amelkina-Vera and Fernand Vera)  

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Presently living in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Lynn established a guitar program at Sandia Preparatory School, teaches for Central New Mexico Community College, and is the Director of Regional Symposia for the Guitar Foundation of America. In 2016, Lynn will be joining the faculty at Oklahoma City University, which boasts one of the fastest growing guitar programs in the nation, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in performance, music education, and music business.

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This three-day workshop is open to guitarists of all ages and skill levels. Students will receive individual attention from faculty with a concentration on developing solo and ensemble skills. This year we are honored and excited to present Dr. Lynn McGrath as our guest artist.

The workshop activities will include:
- Guitar Orchestra with Dr. Fernand Vera
- Technique Class with Dr. Lynn McGrath
- Special Topics Class with Lynn McGrath
- Master classes with Lynn McGrath and Fernand Vera
- Faculty and Student Recitals

We anticipate a wonderful festival and hope you will join us for the workshop events.

Sincerely,
Kithara Duo
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