



Greetings.

I have missed seeing you, and I hope you are well. Please feel free to call me directly to share about what's happening in your life. I'd love to hear from you. I've included an excerpt from a recent episode of our podcast, KnoxGuitarBox. I hope to see you this Fall at concerts and more! Please take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy LeGrand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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~ A guitar instructor once said to me, "Each time you strike the string, you place something into this Universe. The things you create in life resonate somewhere and perhaps with someone eventually. So, I encourage you to keep your intentions pure and efforts at the highest level because Resonance - resound and echo - will return to you."

**Resonance:** Most often, when I hear the word, I consider sound, echoes, reverberations. When I tune my Navarro Guitar, the resonances that occur in the instrument's woods help me know when it is in or out of tune - a simple but beautiful moment. But Resonance is more than sound. Emotional resonance occurs when someone feels another's pain or joy. Social resonance is something that we often strive for in relationships with one another. Simply put, **resonance** is the quality of being "**resonant**," which can mean "strong and deep in tone" or "having a lasting effect."

We all know 2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for individuals and organizations. These years will have a "lasting effect" in so many areas of life. And as I look back over this year, I am grateful for the presence of opportunities to more closely understand elements in my life and myself and how they resonate with one another.

This past year a resonance shifted. We've missed live music and the creativity that flows from artists when interacting and sharing with an audience. We've missed the "striking of the strings" while playing with and for others. We've missed seeing the faces of those in my community who enjoy watching and listening as musical artists perform. And with the lack of these things, resonance shifted.

We are grateful. Knoxville Classical Guitar was able to present four concerts during this past concert season. We are thankful we have been able to continue providing music education to youth in the Knoxville Area. We appreciate the opportunity to create and maintain a podcast and share conversations and music with you.

At Knoxville Classical Guitar, we want to continue creating, educating, sharing conversations, and presenting music to serve you and our community. We've planned for an entire in-person concert season next year, we've arranged workshops and masterclasses with world-class artists, and we have plans to expand our youth and adult guitar ensemble programs. We desire to increase the amplitude of the things we do in our community. We want to build a resonance that will benefit those in our path.

We cannot do this without support from our community. We cannot do this without you. Whether you are listening to an episode of our podcast or attending KCG concerts, please consider purchasing season tickets or donating today to Knoxville Classical Guitar.

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