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**Winchester, VA** (December 18, 2017) – Little Noon Music, a four month program, sponsored by the Friends of Handley Regional Library, will present its third performance of the season just after the holidays. In January we'll feature the beautiful classical guitar of John Arnold at 12:15 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> in the Robinson Auditorium at Handley Library where he'll be introduced by his former instructor Glenn Caluda of Shenandoah University. In February the local group Celtic Circle joins us.

John S. Arnold is presently the guitar instructor at Moravian College where he teaches private lessons (classical, flamenco, lute, fingerstyle), guitar ensemble, flute & guitar ensemble, guitar literature & guitar pedagogy. Prior to this position he taught guitar at Bennington College in Vermont. As a soloist and chamber musician, he has performed with numerous ensembles and venues including the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra, Allentown Symphony Orchestra, Sage City Symphony, Satori, Two Part Invention, Gabriel Chamber Ensemble, Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Kennedy Center, Musikfest, Wall Guitar Festival, Bach-Handel Festival,

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Philadelphia Classical Guitar Series, Festival of the Human Voice, HCC Guitar Mini-Fest, Hartt International Guitar Festival, and on national public radio & television.

In 2002, John was awarded the T. Edgar Shields Prize for distinguished studio instruction at Moravian College where his students have won many competitions including the MC Concerto Competition and the prestigious GFA Competition (Youth Division). From 2000-2012, he founded and directed the Bethlehem Guitar Festival, bringing to the Lehigh Valley some of the most outstanding guitarists the world has to offer. In 2011, Shenandoah Conservatory presented John with the Alumnus of Excellence Award, recognizing alumni for doing outstanding work in their field. In addition to teaching and performing, John has been a judge for numerous guitar competitions including the Schadt String Competition, Philadelphia Classical Guitar Competition, John & Susie Beatty Competition, and Godfrey Daniels.

Mr. Arnold holds an Artist Diploma degree from the Hartt School, University of Hartford, where he studied with Richard Provost; as well as Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Guitar Performance and Guitar Pedagogy from Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University, where his major teacher was Glenn Caluda.

Robinson Auditorium can be found on the Lower Level of Handley Library in downtown Winchester. For more information contact Barbara Dickinson, Executive Director of Friends of Handley Regional Library, at [friends@handleyregional.org](mailto:friends@handleyregional.org) or (540) 662-9041 ext. 31.

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