

Salzburg Guitar Trio - Biography 2026

(Long version)

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One of the trio's most exciting projects was their residency at Antonin Gaudí's famous modernist building, *La Pedrera*, in Barcelona. During this residency, Catalan composer José Galeote dedicated his work *La Pedrera – En Construcción* to the trio. Inspired by Gaudí's remarkable architecture, the trio had the pleasure of premiering the piece inside *La Pedrera*.

The trio has won first prizes at the Ciutat d'Elx Guitar Festival in Spain, the Corelli-Savárez Chamber Music Competition in Austria, and the Valle dei Laghi Guitar Festival in Italy. As first prize winners of the Guitar Foundation of America's International Ensemble Competition, the Salzburg Guitar Trio was the first-ever ensemble to be awarded a GFA Artist's Tour.

In 2023, the trio's GFA Artist's Tour took them across North America. Some of their most memorable concerts were held in esteemed venues such as the Sundin Music Hall in St. Paul, Minnesota; the 560 Music Centre in St. Louis, Missouri; and the Margaret Comstock Concert Hall in Louisville, Kentucky, among others. The trio also conducted public masterclasses for guitar societies, universities, and conservatories, as well as outreach concerts. Highlights include coaching soloists and ensembles from the Bachelor and Master programs at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, the Youth Performing Arts School in Louisville, KY, and the Mount Royal University Conservatory in Calgary, Canada.

The Salzburg Guitar Trio's debut album, *III*, features highlights from their current repertoire and was released in 2023. Upcoming plans include the album release of John Duarte's complete works for guitar trio in 2026.

The Salzburg Guitar Trio is comprised of Katie Lonson (Canada), Eliška Lenhartová (Czech Republic), and Andrew Booth (England). The ensemble was originally formed during their postgraduate solo guitar studies at the Mozarteum University in Salzburg, Austria, and welcomed Eliška Lenhartová as a new member in 2024.

"The concert by the Salzburg Guitar Trio has been one of the most mesmerizing and memorable concerts in our concerts series. Their virtuosity, timing and sound colour made three guitars sound like one. To have three plucked instruments play together in such a way is truly remarkable."

— Martin van Hees, Artistic Director of The Hague Guitar Society
November 2021

"When poetry becomes music... A concert that will live long in the memory. Listening to the Salzburg Guitar Trio, three instruments merge into one body of sound. The collective breath, the harmonious and flowing movement while playing and the extremely fine tonal balance is fascinating. A finale to this year's SICG that could not have been more beautiful"

— Prof. Johannes Monno, Artistic Director of the Stuttgart International Classic Guitar Festival,
June 2024

(Short version)

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