



Ronn McFarlane - Lutenist

Thursday, March 16; 6:15 PM
St. Anne's Church (Church Circle)

No tickets required - come as you are and pay as you can.



Grammy-nominated lutenist and composer Ronn McFarlane will be performing his own arrangements of traditional Scottish and Irish tunes, as well as his own eclectic, Celtic-inspired original music.

Ronn McFarlane strives to bring the lute - the most popular instrument of the Renaissance - into today's musical mainstream and make it accessible to a wider audience.

Since taking up the lute in 1978, Ronn has made his mark in music as the founder of Ayreheart, a founding member of the Baltimore Consort, touring 49 of the 50 United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Netherlands, Germany and Austria, and as a guest artist with Apollo's Fire, The Bach Sinfonia, The Catacoustic Consort, The Folger Consort, Houston Grand Opera, The Oregon Symphony, The Portland Baroque Orchestra, and The Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra.

Born in West Virginia, Ronn grew up in Maryland. At thirteen, upon hearing "Wipeout" by the Surfariis, he fell madly in love with music and taught himself to play on a "cranky sixteen-dollar steel string guitar." Ronn kept at it, playing blues and rock music on the electric guitar while studying classical guitar. He graduated with honors from Shenandoah Conservatory and continued guitar studies at Peabody Conservatory before turning his full attention and energy to the lute in 1978. The next year, he began to perform solo recitals on the lute and became a member of the [Baltimore Consort](#). Since then, he has toured throughout the United States, Canada and Europe with the [Baltimore Consort](#) and as a soloist.