

KILBOURN CONCERT SERIES

JOHN SCOFIELD,
SOLO GUITAR

Saturday, April 8, 2023
Kilbourn Hall
7:30 PM



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PROGRAM

Selections will be announced from the stage

MEET THE ARTIST

Aside from being one of the principal innovators of modern jazz guitar, **John Scofield** is a creative artist of an even rarer sort: a stylistic chameleon who has forged a consistent, rock-solid aesthetic identity. A triple Grammy award winning artist with more than 40 recordings to his credit, Scofield has expressed himself in the vernacular of bebop, blues, jazz-funk, organ jazz, acoustic chamber jazz, electronically tinged groove music, jam band style and orchestral ensembles with ease and enthusiasm. Now he adds yet another credit to his resume: solo guitarist.

“My main focus in guitar playing has always centered around being part of a group; exploring the music that happens when musicians listen to each other and improvise together. Quite frankly, until now, I’ve avoided playing solo concerts and before starting this endeavor had done only one solo performance in public since I was a child. I still have occasional nightmares about playing *Greensleeves* for my sixth grade class! It gets pretty lonely up there by yourself and I hadn’t considered solo guitar as the perfect platform for improvising. Not to mention that I’m no Segovia either! All that said, after playing guitar for 56 years, I’m finally interested in going it alone and exploring the possibilities. It’s taken me decades to realize that I’ve been playing unaccompanied guitar at home or in hotel rooms every day since 1962! I’ve put a lot of thought in lately to how I can present an evening of solo guitar that represents my passions and sensibilities. My idea is to keep it song based, playing jazz, country and rock tunes that I love as well as some of my original compositions. I plan to employ my Looper pedal occasionally when I want to play over myself. I’ve been preparing for nearly a year, working my brain in new directions while looking forward to these shows with excitement and a small bit of trepidation. I hope you enjoy being on this journey with me.” — JS

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EASTMAN

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OSSIA

Kilbourn Hall, 7:30 PM
Free Admission

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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Hatch Recital Hall, 12:30 PM
Free Admission

Sunday, April 16, 2023

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Jan Opalach, bass-baritone

Kilbourn Hall, 3:00 PM
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Sunday, April 16, 2023

Holocaust Remembrance Concert

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