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**Performing Arts Series: California Guitar Trio to perform**

*Summary:*

(October 13, 2004)-The California Guitar Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, as part of this year's Performing Arts Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Opening for the Trio will be the guitar music of Tom Griesgraber. The Trio will also hold a master class from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Saturday in Recital Hall of Humanities Fine Arts at UMM. Both events are open to the public.

Magically moving, from a gorgeous rendition of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to a zippy version of the '60s rock instrumental "Pipeline," the virtuoso acoustic guitarists of the California Guitar Trio play an amazing repertoire of folk, jazz, classical, and surf rock.

Paul Richards, Salt Lake City, Utah Bert Lams, Brussels, Belgium and Hideyo Moriya, Tokyo, Japan, first met in England in 1987 at one of Robert Fripp's Guitar Craft Courses. After completing several of these intensive courses, the three toured worldwide with Fripp's League of Crafty Guitarists. Wanting to continue together after the League had run its course, Bert, Paul and Hideyo convened in Los Angeles and founded The California Guitar Trio in 1991, honing their intricate original compositions, surf covers, and classical re-workings. Recently, collaborations with bassist Tony Levin and drummer Paul Mastelotto have widened the scope of the band's extensive repertoire and touring activity.

Tom Griesgraber plays what is called a Stick, a 12-stringed instrument played with both hands fretting and sounding notes simultaneously. He also plays the synthesizer version. Griesgraber began playing the piano as a student in San Diego, Calif., and then moved to guitar in 1997 he saw Tony Levin play the Stick in a concert and decided to put away his guitar and learn to play the Stick.

Primary funding for this series is provided by University of Minnesota, Morris students. The series is made possible by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature. In addition, this activity is sponsored in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

For ticket information, contact the Office of Student Activities, UMM, at 320-589-6080 or visit the Performing Arts Series web site at [www.mrs.umn.edu/stuorgs/CAC/Arts/](http://www.mrs.umn.edu/stuorgs/CAC/Arts/).

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