

Grammy-Winning Acoustic Guitarist in Concert at EPC

The Elation Arts Series is proud to present Grammy Award-winning acoustic guitarist Mark Hanson in concert on Sunday, January 24, at 5 p.m. Hanson, a fingerstyle guitarist and author of international renown, won a Grammy for best pop instrumental album in 2005 for his contributions to the Henry Mancini Pink Guitar CD.

After intermission, Hanson will be joined by his wife, Greta Pedersen. Greta won the national Artist of the Year award for Young Audiences in 2009. Their repertoire covers a broad range of Americana, from original instrumentals to jazz standards and folk and gospel gems.

Hanson's graceful approach to the guitar defines smooth and belies the intricacies of his masterful fingerstyle playing. An engaging performer, Hanson has shared the stage with many great artists, including Tommy Emmanuel and the late John Renbourn. In 2009, Hanson and Pedersen played and sang for the President of the United States.

Hanson is a well-known performer, author and instructor in the acoustic guitar field. He has authored more than two dozen guitar books/DVDs on a variety of topics, released 10 solo and group recordings, and contributed to numerous tribute CDs. A number of Hanson's recordings have been – and are currently – heard on syndicated radio and television, including NPR, Martha Stewart Living and American Idol. Hanson and Pedersen founded Accent On Music LLC in 1985, publishing his many titles and hosting the annual Accent On Music Fingerstyle Guitar Seminar in Portland, Oregon.

Pedersen, a versatile vocalist, multi-instrumentalist and vocal coach, has performed in concert venues

across the United States and Europe. She and Hanson had the pleasure of sharing the stage with the late Jerry Garcia before his untimely passing in the mid-'90s.

The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to help pay for expenses. For more information on Hanson, visit MarkHansonGuitar.com.

