

# DONN LEVIE JR. CLASSICAL GUITAR CHURCH PERFORMANCES

## General information

Donn LeVie Jr. Church Performance program concentrates on Donn's *Worship Service Short Program*, which consists of approximately 20 to 30 minutes of Donn's classical guitar arrangements of sacred music, traditional hymns, inspired classical music, and original compositions. If you have a worship service other than Sunday morning (for example, Sunday evening or Wednesday evening) and would like to schedule a *Worship Service Short Program* (Central Texas area only for now), please make a note of that in your request using the Contact form on the website. Most of these requirements also apply for the one-hour *Sacred Music Program*.

## Equipment Setup Requirements

Donn travels with his own instruments and sound equipment for all performances. All he needs the church to provide is a stage monitor (if available) and a microphone cable OUT from the direct box (which Donn can provide if necessary) to the sound board mix. **If your church does not have a PA system or sound board, please let Donn know in advance.**

Donn dials in his own reverberation and EQ settings using the guitar signal processing unit, so there's no need to add any signal effects from the sound board mix other than gain to the house mains (and monitor, if available). Because the classical guitar is an acoustic instrument, amplification is used to enhance the sound, and to provide additional volume for larger rooms. Some rooms may only require amplification through the sound system and no other adjustments (reverberation for example).

## Sound Check

**Donn requires a sound check with the sound board operator prior to every church performance at least 30 to 60 minutes prior to the start of Sunday worship service or the Sacred Music Program.** This sound check is critical for Donn to provide the highest quality musical offering to the congregation and to gauge how the room/sanctuary acoustics may require changes to the guitar signal settings. **Please let Donn know if your church does not have a PA sound system.**

## Performance Environment

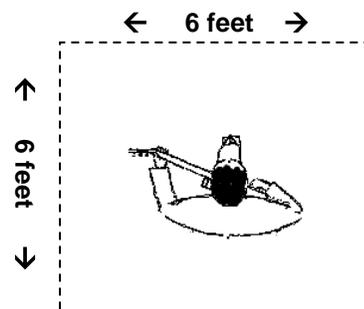
Classical guitar strings are susceptible to minor changes in temperature and humidity, as well as from playing the instrument. It is common for the guitar to require minor tuning adjustments between pieces of music--generally taking just a few seconds. Some compositions require "altered" tunings (tunings that are not "standard") and typically require only several seconds to either return to standard tuning or enter into an altered tuning condition from standard.

## Stage Setup

Shown to the right is a birds-eye view of the stage space Donn requires.

## After Service Information

After the Sunday morning service or the *Sacred Music (long) Program*, Donn will require a table and chair near the entrance of the church where he can meet and speak with members of the congregation, sign his books and CDs (which will be available for purchase) after worship services.



## Live Appearances

Donn's *Worship Service Short Program* is a special music offering he provides at no cost. However, he would like to receive comments or "blurbs" after his performance that he can use to promote upcoming classical guitar performances.

Sales of his books and soon, his music CDs, help defray travel and related expenses. Any additional financial consideration (love offering, honorarium) to help defray transportation costs and other associated expenses is lovingly appreciated and *at the discretion of the host church*. For the one-hour *Sacred Music Program* outside of worship services, a modest admission/ticket charge applies to cover expenses. If you are interested in hosting a private House Concert, download the *House Concert Planning Guide* from Donn's website that explains all the details for creating a memorable music event for your friends, family, and neighbors. **The House Concert Program will be available later in 2015.**

Donn's publisher offers 40% discount for houses of worship for volume orders of his books (minimum order for 40% discount is 15 books; 50% discount for case lots, which is approximately 54 books). Those books purchased by a house of worship can be given away or resold by the church at Donn's performances where he would be happy to sign them. Email Donn for details for any issues or items not addressed here.