

Sharon Isbin

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Acclaimed for her extraordinary lyricism, technique and versatility, multiple Grammy Award winner **Sharon Isbin** was named the 2020 Musical America Worldwide Instrumentalist of the Year, the first guitarist to receive the coveted honor in its 59-year award history. Hailed as “the pre-eminent guitarist of our time,” she has been soloist with over 200 orchestras, and has performed in the world’s finest halls across 40 countries.

Winner of the Munich ARD, Madrid and Toronto Competitions, Germany’s Echo Klassik and *Guitar Player’s* Best Classical Guitarist awards, she performed in Scorsese’s Oscar-winning *The Departed*, at Ground Zero for the first internationally televised 9/11 memorial, the White House by invitation of President Obama, and as the only classical artist in the 2010 Grammy Awards. The documentary *Sharon Isbin: Troubadour*, seen by millions on over 200 PBS stations across the U.S. and abroad, won the ASCAP Television Broadcast Award and is available on DVD/Blu-ray and Amazon streaming. Recent highlights include sold-out concerts at the Kennedy Center, Kimmel Center, and Carnegie Hall including a collaboration with Sting.

Isbin’s catalogue of over 35 albums has sold nearly a million copies. Her two recent recordings were named Best of 2020 and feature world premieres composed for her: *Affinity* showcasing Chris Brubeck’s dazzling guitar concerto, along with works by Leo Brouwer, Tan Dun, Antonio Lauro and Richard Danielpour; and *Strings for Peace* with India’s legendary sarod master Amjad Ali Khan. Her 2019 *Souvenirs of Spain & Italy* with the Pacifica Quartet debuted at #1 on Amazon and #2 on *Billboard*, and *Alma Española* with opera star Isabel Leonard, the first Spanish art song album with guitar of its kind in 40 years, was honored with a 2018 Grammy Award for Producer of the Year. Her Grammy-winning *Journey to the New World* with guests Joan Baez and Mark O’Connor spent 63 consecutive weeks on top *Billboard* charts, and her Latin Grammy-nominated Rodrigo *Aranjuez* disc with the New York Philharmonic is their only recording with guitar. Other highlights include *Bach Complete Lute Suites* in landmark editions created with her mentor Rosalyn Tureck, and *Sharon Isbin & Friends: Guitar Passions* with rock and jazz guests Steve Vai, Heart’s Nancy Wilson, Stanley Jordan and Romero Lubambo.

Author of the *Classical Guitar Answer Book*, Isbin has premiered over 80 works written for her by some of the world’s finest composers, including concerti by John Corigliano, Christopher Rouse, Tan Dun, Aaron Jay Kernis, Joseph Schwantner, and Lukas Foss. Upcoming world premieres include *Song of a Dreaming Sparrow* (2020) for her by Schwantner which she premieres with the Pacifica Quartet at New York’s 92NY Kaufmann Concert Hall and on tour in November 2022. She directs the guitar departments at the Aspen Music Festival and The Juilliard School, which she created in 1989. Visit: www.sharonisbin.com

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