

**PERFORMING ARTS**

# String Workshop by Grammy Award-Winners Mark and Maggie O'Connor will be held on Jan. 28

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▲ Mark and Maggie O'Connor playing at the Grand Ole Opry.

## Includes Masterclasses, Method Classes, Orchestra Jam and Short Recital by O'Connors

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Grammy award-winning violinists Mark and Maggie O'Connor return to Gardner-Webb University on Jan. 28, 2023, for a string workshop. Hosted by the GWU Department of Music, the event will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center, 131 Tucker Drive.

All ages and all levels of violinists, violists, cellists, bass players and guitarists are welcome to attend. The program includes four hours of masterclasses and method classes, orchestra jam, and a short recital by Mark and Maggie. The public is invited to come at 4 p.m. for the recital.

Mark and Maggie will have time with each level—from beginners to advanced—on each instrument. Plus, a professional instructor for each instrument will have sessions with the students.



▲ Mark and Maggie O'Connor were featured in a concert at Gardner-Webb University in 2018.

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Mark has won three Grammy awards and is a 13-time National Grand Champion on violin and guitar. He has sold over 3 million records and has recorded with Earl Scruggs, Johnny Cash and Yo-Yo Ma. Eight times Mark was named Country Music Artist of the Year.

Maggie, who has one Grammy award, has a unique background in both traditional classical violin training and American musical styles. She has regularly performed at the Grand Ole Opry with her husband in both band and duo configurations. In the classical world, she and her husband have performed around the globe, including the Leopold Auer Music Academy in Hungary and the Berlin Konzerthaus celebrating the centennial birthday of the legendary violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

Mark is the author of a series of educational books called the O'Connor Method, which has become the fastest growing string method in the country. The O'Connor Method features American music styles, creativity, cultural diversity and western classical technical training.

The fee to attend is \$15, which is due on the day of the workshop during registration and orientation at noon. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information, contact the orchestra teacher at your school or call or text Dr. Patricia Sparti, Gardner-Webb professor of music, at 704-466-4710 or email [psparti@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:psparti@gardner-webb.edu).

***Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 10 working days prior to the event. Please call 704-406-4270 or email [disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@gardner-webb.edu) with your request.***

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