

## Douglas James

The American guitarist Douglas James has received numerous prizes and awards, including two National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Fellowships. He performs frequently throughout the United States and in Europe, and has been featured on major classical radio broadcasts including NPR's Performance Today. Douglas James is Professor of Guitar and director of Appalachian GuitarFest at Appalachian State University. James holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Arizona, where he studied guitar with Thomas Patterson.

## Pasquale Rucco

The Italian guitarist Pasquale Rucco is the winner of several European guitar competitions, including the 1989 Arturo Toscanini Solo Guitar Competition for the performance of 19thc. music. Since then he has performed regularly in Europe and the United States, both as a soloist and chamber musician specializing in the 19thc. literature played on period instruments. Pasquale Rucco is also the founding director of "A.C.I.F.", a consortium of music academies operating in the greater Naples region.