

## **Classical guitarist scheduled to play in Alfred University's Howell Hall**

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Classical guitarist Matthew Slotkin, director of guitar studies at Mansfield (PA) University, will present a concert in Alfred University's Howell Hall at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4. Admission is free. Having received acclaim as a performer, teacher, and scholar, Slotkin is one of the most prominent young guitarists in the United States. Appearing in leading venues throughout North America and Europe, he has achieved success in solo performance, chamber music, and as a soloist with orchestra. With a unique commitment to both the composition and promulgation of new works for the guitar, as well as to meticulous historical performance practice, Slotkin ranks among a singular brand of innovative and engaging artists. Slotkin has appeared at colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada, as well as at the Alexandria Guitar Festival, the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival, the Hartwick College Summer Music Festival, the Chautauqua Institution, and the DuMaurier Jazz Festival in Toronto, Ontario. His first CD, "Twentieth Century Music for Guitar," was released by Centaur Records in late 2003 and has been featured on National Public Radio's "Weekend Edition." Recent commissions include compositions by John Anthony Lennon, Athanasios Zervas, and Charles Stolte, the latter of which was premiered (with Joe Murphy, saxophone) at the 2006 World Saxophone Congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Other recent performances include a series of concerts in Athens, Greece in November 2006, and an upcoming tour of California in March 2007. In addition to his work at Mansfield, Slotkin teaches at Bloomsburg (PA) University, and Buffalo State College. He has given master classes at numerous institutions, including the Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music, the University of Saskatchewan, the Alexandria Guitar Festival, and the Hartwick College Summer Music Festival. He has also taught guitar and chamber music at the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival, and classical and jazz guitar at Alfred University in Alfred, NY, and in the Eastman School of Music's Community Education Division. He earned the doctor of musical arts, master's degree and bachelor's degrees of music from Eastman School of Music, Rochester. The American Record Guide notes: "Slotkin plays with musical sensitivity and technical control he consistently delivers strong readings of this appealing music." "Slotkin is a highly dedicated and talented musician he possesses a refined technique with an elegant tone on the guitar. He is a refined artist one of the most well-rounded talents in the country," said Nicholas Goluses, Eastman School of Music.