

Equal parts performer, composer, and educator, Brad Richter has played nearly one-thousand concerts in North America and Europe and has been a staple on NPR's *Performance Today* since 2008. An avid collaborator, Richter has performed and recorded with a host of Grammy winners that include David Finckel (Director of Chamber Music at Lincoln Center), the Pacifica Quartet and the Phoenix Chorale. Long-term partnerships of note include cellist Viktor Uzur, with whom Brad tours as the Richter Uzur Duo, guitarist Carlos Bonell, who was also Brad's teacher at the Royal College of Music, Broadway star Ben Vereen and the Aspen Music Festival and School where Brad has been an artist-in-residence for twelve years.

Perhaps most significant in terms of his broader impact on the classical guitar is Brad's co-founding and direction of Lead Guitar, a national not-for-profit organization that builds free guitar programs in low-income schools. Since joining the University of Arizona's College of Fine Arts, Lead Guitar has provided daily instruction for more than 20,000 students and has earned the support of the National Endowment for the Arts.