

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church

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- Headshot of Enrique Henao included.
- Enrique Henao is available for interview.

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Internationally-Renowned Guitarist, Enrique Henao, Appears in Concert at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church

January 4, 2011 ~ Woodinville WA: Today, Mike Monda, Chair of the *Forward in Faith/Building to Serve Capital Campaign* at Woodinville's Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, announced the church will host a music concert featuring internationally-renowned guitarist, Enrique Henao. The event is slated for 7:00pm, Saturday, January 15th at Blessed Teresa, 13632 NE 177th Place, Woodinville.

The concert is the jubilee kick-off celebration of Henao's 50th year as a musical artist. It is a "free will offering" concert. All proceeds from the concert will go directly to the church's capital campaign building fund to be used toward constructing the parish's new church on the property formerly occupied by the Woodinville Riding Club on Woodinville-Duvall Road.

Born in Columbia, South America, Henao began studying the guitar at the age of seven instructed by his father, Bonifacio. A coffee grower by profession and a gifted musician by vocation, Bonifacio imparted to his son his passion for the guitar. Henao says his father was a rigorous teacher who had his own style of music that was a blend of Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Andean music. "At such a young age, I put many, many hours with him working on the guitar. I learned much."

Henao's adoring audiences over the last five decades are grateful for that gift of father to son.

Henao's first concerts were performed when he was 13. He arrived in the United States at 19, and has since performed in more than 80 countries all the while acquiring a wealth of knowledge of, and expertise in, world music.

Henao is a master of classical and jazz music and is known for his soulful interpretations of flamenco and his rhythmically intense renditions of the music of Latin America. He has performed pops, classical, flamenco, jazz and jazz-flamenco at cafes and on concert stages performing solo and with a long list of music legends including Laurindo Almeida, Charlie Parker, Sammy Davis Jr., Julio Iglesias and Andres Segovia.

Henao has appeared on "The Mike Douglas Show" and "The Tonight Show". He has performed for heads of state including "by invitation" concerts at the White House and the Vatican. He has been a visiting artist with the Washington Commission for the Humanities. Locally, Henao has given benefit concerts for the TeenHope homeless shelter and Clothes for Kids. In addition, he teaches promising young musicians and in so doing imbues the next generation with his love for the guitar.

Says Mike Monda of Blessed Teresa, "We are absolutely delighted to welcome Enrique Henao and his extraordinary talent to our church. The concert promises to be a musically rich event and we invite the public to join us."

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