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|  2025-26 High School Guitar PROGRAMPenn-Griffin School for the Arts offers a comprehensive Guitar Program for grades 9 – 12. We welcome rising 9th – 12th graders to apply for the 2025-26 academic school year. Students will study Guitar for 90 minutes daily throughout the year. The Guitar curriculum includes technique, solo and ensemble repertoire, chamber music, performance and competition opportunities, music theory and fretboard harmony, guitar pedagogy, and preparation for college/conservatory/concert stage.The academic curriculum at PGSA is at the Honors and Advanced Placement levels. Therefore, applicants must be academically ready for this curriculum*.* We invite you to complete an online application and submit it by Friday, November 22. You must reside in Guilford County to apply and live within one of the designated school attendance zones. The link to the high school application (through SchoolMint) is available online at the school’s website beginning Wednesday, October 9. You will also be invited to complete your in-person audition on Saturday, December 14.  If you have any questions, please contact Kim Spell, Magnet Coordinator, at spellk2@gcsnc.com or Mr. Cloud at cloudc@gcsnc.com.  |
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| Guitar Educator’s Bio  **Chris Cloud**Chris Cloud is a modern and classical guitarist who has been performing and teaching since 2003. He formed Cloud Music Academy in Greensboro in 2015 providing tens of thousands of lessons spanning multiple instruments, including a teaching recording studio which worked with other musicians and talent in the area. He Is Currently the Director of Guitar Studies at Penn Griffin School for the Arts, where he teaches Middle and High School guitar. His students have performed at the New York Guitar Festival, the Carolina Blues Festival and NC Folk Fest. They also regularly participate in guitar competitions, festivals, and other community-based performance activities. He performed solo and with groups in cities such as New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston. He has been on stage with grammy winning artists such as Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Andrew York and Jason Vieaux including a world premiere of Sergio Assad’s “The Walls” and performing solo for the Bryan Series. Most recently he performed on stage at Carnegie Hall as a featured guitarist. H will also be joining the US Guitar Orchestra to tour Portugal in the summer of 2025. cloudc@gcsnc.com |
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