



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Guitar Republic

Three acoustic guitars. A full orchestra of sound.

Friday, February 24th at 7:30 pm

St. Albert, AB – Music in the widest spectrum of sound you may ever hear will be captured by three extraordinarily virtuosic acoustic guitar instrumentalists on **February 24th** at the **Arden Theatre**. The new Italian super group, **Guitar Republic**, has recreated the guitar ensemble concept, forging ahead into an unconventional territory of rock, improvisation, and minimalism that will change the way you think about the acoustic guitar scene.

Before Guitar Republic, **Pino Forastiere**, **Stefano Barone**, and **Sergio Altamura** were Italy's most successful solo acoustic guitarists, friends from different parts of the country united by a love of the guitar and a passion to explore new musical terrain. Combining their masterful talents – Pino's lyrical melodies, Stefano's rhythmic attack, and Sergio's experimentalist groove – the result equates that of mastery of music and a richness of sound that's impossible to duplicate. According to Echoes blog, Guitar Republic brings *"an orchestral approach to the guitar ensemble ... global percussion breakouts, cello etudes, avant-garde sound effects and blue slides, all from [only] 3 guitars."*

It took one song for Guitar Republic to transform the concept of the acoustic guitar trio – a viral YouTube video called "Funky Sex Republic." Combining sensual blues riffs, two-handed melodic tapping, powerful Mediterranean rhythms pounded out on the guitar body, and a bowing technique that produced ethereal high overtones, Guitar Republic were wildly praised as being an acoustic revolution just waiting to be experienced.

Tickets for *Guitar Republic* are **\$40** (plus facility fee). Visit the **Arden Theatre Box Office** in person (5 St. Anne Street), purchase by phone at 780-459-1542, or through Ticketmaster* at 1-855-985-5000 or ticketmaster.ca.

**Agency fee in effect.*

Thank you to *Guitar Republic* performance sponsors: **CKUA Radio** and **Edmonton Journal**.

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