

Antony R. Kakamakov
Class of 2003, Music (Classical Guitar)



Antony Kakamakov began studying the guitar at the age of ten with Milena Valtcheva, in his native country of Bulgaria. In 1997 he won first prize in the junior division of the International Classical Guitar Festival and Competition in Sinaia, Romania, and in the following year he won two first prizes in the junior divisions in the international guitar competitions in Kraiova, Romania and Assenovgrad, Bulgaria. In 1999, he was awarded full scholarship to study guitar at the Idyllwild Arts Academy, where his teachers were Terry Graves and Michael Kudirka. He received his Bachelor's degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music (SFCM) in 2007, under the tutelage of David Tanenbaum, and continued his studies there as a Master's candidate. In 2007, he received second place in the SFCM Concerto Competition and was a prize-winner in the Portland Guitar Festival and Competition. In April 2008, he won first prize in the inaugural Wesley Day Solo Classical Guitar Recording Competition. In the fall of 2008 he studied at SFCM with Sergio Assad. He has played in master classes for William Kanengiser, Duo Assad, Nigel North,

Manuel Barrueco, Paul Galbraith, Ana Vidovic, Antigoni Goni, Pavel Steidl, Gyan Riley, David Grimes and the Katona Twins.

Mr. Kakamakov has just released *Inquieto*, a CD of 20th Century Masterworks, thanks to Conservatory Guitar Department Chair David Tanenbaum and a generous grant by guitar enthusiast Wesley Day. Mr. Day founded the biennial Wesley Day Solo Classical Guitar Recording Competition in April of 2008. Its goal is to launch one especially talented student of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music guitar program on a professional career path. Antony, as winner of the inaugural competition, was funded to record his own CD, keep 1,000 copies and present live concerts at California colleges: City College of San Francisco, Colombia College, UC Santa Cruz, Hayward State, Humbolt State, Sonoma State and Modesto Junior College.