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BESCHNIDT-KIRMSS, CLASSICAL GUITAR AND RECORDER DUET, AT SUMMERGARDEN

This Friday and Saturday evenings, July 27 and 28, Ralf Beschmidt and Arthur Kirmss will perform renaissance and modern compositions for classical guitar and recorder, as part of the SUMMERGARDEN program of free entertainment at The Museum of Modern Art.

Ralf Beschmidt, the guitarist, was born in West Germany and began playing the guitar fifteen years ago. His interest shifted from contemporary folk to Elizabethan music, and he performed renaissance and classical music at various German clubs. After winning the German-American Talent Contest he emigrated to America, where he has been active organizing groups for the performance of classical work. He now teaches music and runs a music store as well as performs.

Arthur Kirmss is a New Yorker who received his B.F.A. from Pratt Institute and his M.F.A. from the University of Arizona at Tucson. While in school he gave frequent concerts of medieval, renaissance, and baroque music. Since returning to New York he has been a soloist with St. Michael's choir and has performed for a benefit at St. Malachy's Church.

Next week Marta Minujin will stage a "Kidnapping" at SUMMERGARDEN.

SUMMERGARDEN is Mobil Foundation's gift to New York. It enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden without charge on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 6 to 11 pm, from June 1 through September 30. Entertainment scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights begins at 8 pm. Access to the garden is through the gates at 8 W. 54 Street. Light refreshments are usually available.

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