

Mary Akerman actively performs both as a classical guitar soloist and as a chamber musician. She has performed on NPR's "Performance Today", with the Atlanta Symphony, Cobb Symphony, Gainesville Symphony, Macon Symphony, and has recorded with Robert Shan and the Atlanta Festival Singers. Ms. Akerman concertizes often with her classical guitar duo partner Robert Teixeira and teaches classical guitar at Kennesaw State University. Educationally, she received a Bachelor's (Cum Laude) and Master's degrees in Performance from the University of Georgia. At the Florida State University, she was a graduate teaching assistant while she continued her performance studies.

Additionally, she received two scholarships to study in Spain with Jose Tomas and was selected by audition to perform in a masterclass with the great Andres Segovia.

While studying at Florida State University, Ms. Akerman won first prize in the Guitar Foundation of America Competition in 1985. Since winning the Competition, Mary Akerman has been an active supporter and has served three consecutive terms on their Board of Trustees.

Mary Akerman's Competition Wins:

1st Place Guitar Foundation of America Competition 1985
1st Place Casa de Espana of Puerto Rico Competition 1984
Bronze Radio France Competition

Mary Akerman's Education:

Bachelor's (Cum Laude) and Master's degrees in Performance from the University of Georgia
Studied under John Sutherland at the University of Georgia
Studied under Bruce Holzman at Florida State University
Masterclasses with Josè Tomàs
Masterclass with Andres Segovia at the University of Southern California