



Robert Teixeira (USA – Portuguese descent) - *Classical guitarist*

Robert is currently on the faculties of Queens University of Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College. In addition to his Charlotte-based teaching, he is active as a performer and guest instructor with recent invitations to instruct and perform at East Carolina University, and the Universities of Texas at Austin and San Antonio, Southwestern University, and Kennesaw State University. In recent years Robert has collaborated with award winning guitarist, Mary Akerman, in concert appearances and in the 2010 CD, *Music for Two Guitars*. With a continuing commitment to education, Robert recently composed a set of five études for right hand development that were published by Clear Note Publications. Together with his wife, Tanya Bechtler, they explore music for the guitar and cello. Their *Shade Grown* CD represents a ten-year journey of developing new arrangements and original music for this not-so-common instrumental combination. In addition, they have collaborated with composer David Crowe in the world music group *Without Borders* to produce the *Passage* CD.