The Department of Music, the Mediterranean Studies Workshop and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program at UCR present:

From the Mediterranean to the Middle East: An Evening of Classical Guitar Concert with Dr. Lily Afshar (The University of Memphis)

Thursday, October 24, 7 PM The Culver Center of Arts (downtown Riverside)

Dr. Lily Afshar is an award winning classical guitar player and professor of guitar at the University of Memphis. Born and raised in Iran, she obtained her BM, MM, and doctorate in Music from Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory, and Florida State University (1989). She received scholarships for three summers to study with Oscar Ghiglia at the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena Italy and was one of the twelve international guitarists selected to play at 1986 Segovia masterclass at USC. Afshar has received teaching awards, 2000 Orville H. Gibson award for Best Female Guitarist, NEA Recording award as well as top prizes in various guitar competitions. She performs the classics of guitar canon, premiers of new work, musical pieces and ballads from her Persian heritage regularly in N.America, Europe, Africa, Australia, the Middle East and her home country, Iran. Her albums include, A Jug of Wine and Thou, Hemispheres, Possession, One Thousand and One Night, Back on Fire, 24 Capricos de Goya, etc. Some of her CD’s will be available for sale during the concert.