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As a musician, Donn LeVie, Jr. began playing guitar at age 5 and won his first guitar competition at age 12. As a teenager, he played lead guitar in several bands, some of which opened for major international music acts during the late 1960s and early 1970s. While still a senior in high school, Donn performed with the gospel quartet, *The Young People*, performing at church conferences and conventions throughout Florida. Donn began his church musicianship in junior high as a choir singer with Grace Brethren Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Over the years he has maintained a keen interest in church music history and the performance of sacred music, traditional hymns, and inspired classical music.

Donn has studied the classical guitar with **Dr. Nick Ciraldo**, currently with the University of Southern Mississippi, **Dr. Adam Holzman**, founder and department chair of the classical guitar program at The University of Texas at Austin and Naxos label recording artist, and **Dr. Matthew Hinsley**, executive director of the Austin Classical Guitar Society, where Donn also served as a board member.

Donn has enjoyed several rewarding professional careers. Upon graduating with a B.S. degree in Geology/Geophysics, Donn went to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a research geological oceanographer in Miami, Florida. Several years later, he joined Phillips Petroleum Company as a geologist/geophysicist and was a part-time adjunct faculty lecturer with the University of Houston Downtown College Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. While working on his master's degree in geochemistry, Donn was a mission specialist applicant to NASA's space shuttle program. During the oil industry downturn of the middle to late 1980s, Donn changed careers and entered the high-tech industry in marketing, project management, and communications, having worked with such Fortune 500 companies as Motorola and Intel Corporation.

Donn is working toward a certificate in Christian Apologetics from Biola University's Graduate Program in Christian Apologetics .

As a writer/author, Donn has three previous non-fiction books to his credit as well as more than 800 general-interest articles, and 80 technical papers in the earth and space sciences, project management, and communications—many of which were presented at conferences, conventions, and seminars.

Donn will be releasing a companion CD, entitled *For HYMN*, in 2010 on the Good Harbor Music (www.goodharbormusic.com) label. The CD will contain Donn's classical guitar arrangements of sacred music, traditional hymns, and inspired classical music.

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