

RESOURCES AND TIPS

Recital Preparation

Your attention is directed to this requirement from the *Guide to the Applied Levels*: "Undergraduate and graduate degree recitals must be memorized a semester before the date of performance." This is a minimal requirement and does not speak to the artistic mastery of repertoire.

Obtaining Music

Pecknel Music Company, Inc.
732 Saluda Avenue
Columbia, SC 29205
Tel.: (803) 799 - 6860
<http://www.pecknelmusic.com>

GSP (Guitar Solo)
230 Townsend Street
San Francisco, CA 94107-1720
Tel: (415) 896-1122
<http://www.gspguitar.com>

Sheet Music Plus
<http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/>

A search of "classical guitar" yields almost 300 pages of listings. You can also search by composer and title. They will hold your order until all items are ready to ship. Excellent source for one or two hard-to-find items or if you're not in a hurry.

Nail Care

Micron files, Nos. 1, 2, and 3
<http://www.smartnails.com/prdinfo.html#file>

Packets of 1200, 1500 and 2000 grade sandpapers:
<http://www.hobbylinc.com/htm/tam/tam87024.htm>

Micro-Mesh polishing cloth:
<http://www.constantines.com/>

Ranging in grits from 1500 to 12,000. Extra sharp, extra fine abrasives lie embedded in resilient latex over a backing of flexible cloth that molds to the nail. Sold in individual 6" x 12" sheets, @ \$8.25. I recommend the last three grades of 6000, 8000 and 12,000. These are fantastic for final polishing. Click Abrasives > Specialty Abrasives, then Micro Mesh (*not* Micro Mesh kit).

Artificial Nails

The best artificial nail product is Riconails. They are non-toxic (unlike super glue or acrylic) and easily removable. All guitarists should have this in their guitar case in case of a nail emergency.
<http://ricoguitarnails.com/>

Strings and Things

<http://www.xguitars.com> in Asheville is run by a former USC guitar student and is a good source for strings, A-Frames, Ergo-Plays, tuners, inexpensive guitars, and more. (USC guitarists should enter "USC" in the "Coupon Number" field and click on "Apply" before checking out for a discount.)

[Strings by Mail](#) is another excellent source.