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DUO NOIRE is comprised of the groundbreaking American classical guitarists Thomas Flippin and Christopher Mallett. Formed while both were attending the Yale School of Music as the first African American guitarists in the school's history, Duo Noire has collectively gone on to perform across the United States at prestigious venues such as the **Norfolk Music Festival, the 92nd Street Y, Le Poisson Rouge, the Rubin Museum, and the Times Center**. They have collaborated with acclaimed musicians and composers like **Jason and Alicia Moran, Eighth Blackbird's Lisa Kaplan, and the Juilliard composer collective Blind Ear Music**. They have also been featured in various media outlets such as WGCH Fox Radio, The Greenwich Time, and Win-TV public television.

Self-taught through their teens, Flippin and Mallett went on to refine their skills while studying at the University of Chicago and Oberlin College. Since then, they have each gathered a number of awards, including prizes from the **National Federation of Music Clubs Competition, the Brownsville Guitar Competition, the East Carolina University Guitar Competition, the University of Chicago's Olga and Paul Menn Foundation Composition Prize, and Yale University's Eliot Fisk Prize**.

Duo Noire has also performed at several prestigious music festivals and guitar masterclasses in the U.S., including **The Aspen Music Festival** with Sharon Isbin, **the Peabody Guitar Masterclass** with Manuel Barrueco, **Pepe Romero**, Eliot Fisk, Christopher Parkening, and the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, among others. Devoted to new music, they have premiered works by several composers, including Benjamin Verdery and Juilliard doctoral composer Raymond Lustig, who wrote his innovative piece *Figments* for them.

Recognizing their unique place in the world of classical guitar, Duo Noire has also been committed to musical outreach. Their name has a French translation of both "**black**" and "**quarter note**", and as part of their outreach commitment, they sought -and were one of the inaugural recipients of- a highly competitive **Alumni Ventures** grant from the Yale School of Music. This generous award allowed the duo to partner with Yale's Music In Schools Initiative and funded a 2009 inner-city tour across New England that had the duo performing, lecturing, and serving as role models for thousands of at-risk students with little access to the arts.

Currently, Flippin is on faculty at **Concordia College and the Music Conservatory of Westchester** in New York, and Mallett is the co-founder of the **California Conservatory of Guitar**. They are represented in North America by **Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists**.

