




K&S - The Story

 K&S is the result of an association and friendship that has gone on for years, since the 1970s. The "K" of K&S stands for *George Katechis Montalvo*, a highly skilled craftsman with experience in all aspects of tone production. The "S" of K&S stands for *Marc Silber*, a noted guitar historian, restorer, and designer. Together they combine more than 60 years restoring, repairing, and selling musical instruments.

 Marc and George


Left, Mark Silber. Right, George Montalvo.

 George had already been importing musical instruments from Mexico since 1987 when Marc joined him in 1990 to found the **K&S Guitar Co.** They established personal relationships with a number of Mexican makers, and with Marc's knowledge of history and design, became actively involved in the production of the guitars K&S would be selling. They brought higher quality woods, glues, finishes, and most importantly, *American* builders and restorers to share their knowledge with the *Mexican* builders. All K&S guitars are painstakingly set up and final-inspected at the shop in Berkeley, CA.



There are also expert repairs in woodwind as well as stringed instruments.

K&S has it's headquarters at the **Berkeley Musical Instrument Exchange** in Berkeley, California, where Mark Silber also has his retail vintage and historical instrument shop. If ever you are in Berkeley, you should stop by and visit. There's much to see. Berkeley Musical Instrument Exchange has been there for 21 years, so there are hundreds of used instruments for sale as well as the *Montalvo*, *K&S*, and *Silber* lines of guitars.

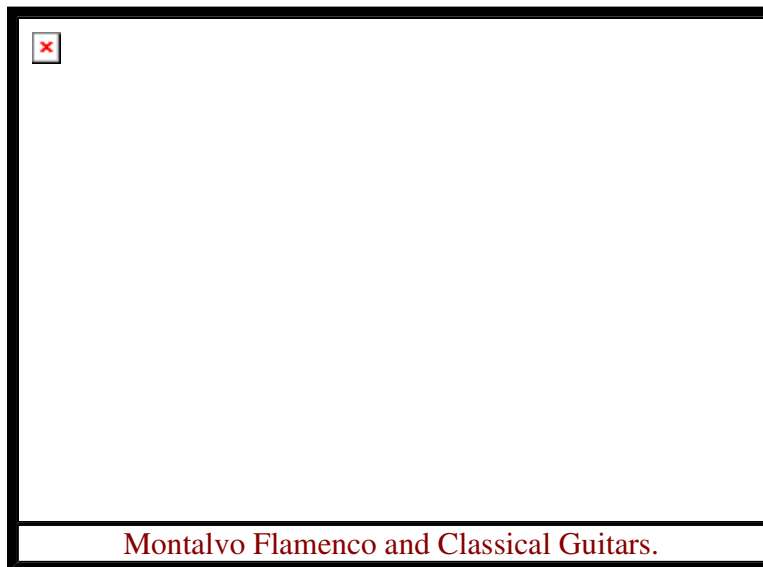
 our shop

Our shop in Berkeley.

The **K&S Guitar Co.** has the largest selection of ***Montalvo Flamenco and Classic*** guitars in the world. Montalvo guitars are finely crafted beautiful sounding instruments featuring solid *Engelmann Spruce* or *Canadian Red Cedar* tops, *Mahogany* or *Spanish Cedar* necks and *Rosewood* or *Ebony* fingerboards. The necks are reinforced with a graphite stabilizing bar. The backs and sides are made of solid *Indian Rosewood*, *Honduras Rosewood*, or *Cypress*. These woods are well seasoned, and the guitars are guaranteed for one year against defects in materials or workmanship.




Since the beginning **K&S Guitar Co.** has had the good fortune of having local Bay Area Builders and restorers imputing their knowledge and skills into K&S guitars; *Freddie Mejia*, *Stuart Port*, and *Mario Martello*, to name a few.



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