

World music for two flamenco guitars



Oscar Herrero & Mario Herrero

The guitar is a peculiar instrument which enjoys both academic and popular study, and has done so since its invention. Because of its transportability and ability to accompany the human voice, it has been the instrument of choice for the working class around the world, and has played a defining role in the development of musical styles in different cultures and societies. With just a few notes on the guitar, one can be transported to France with its gypsy jazz, to Portugal with its fado, to Brasil with its bossa nova and to Spain with its flamenco.

However, the guitar is also a polyphonic instrument and is capable of sounding several notes at once, which makes it great for self-accompaniment. Just like the piano, the guitar is suitable for the soloist and is perfect for composing and adapting complex instrumental pieces. On one hand, styles of music are shaped by popular taste, but on the other they are created by great masters, and with the guitar one can enjoy the works of Bach, Falla, Piazzolla and Tárrega.

For this program, flamenco guitarist Oscar Herrero, winner of both the famous Jerez and La Unión prizes, and widely known for his work as a composer and educator, again pays homage to the guitar. Here he explores the guitar's essential role in musical genres around the world. Whether it be in classical or popular music, the guitar's sonority is capable of reminding us of the origin of many of the musical styles we listen to. Guitar can be heard in bars, on streets, and also in large concert halls. It's a piece of wood that sends you traveling through time and space, and from this wood grow the branches that form the unique sounds of each civilization.

Indigenous music, masterpieces throughout the history of music, and flamenco pieces by Oscar Herrero himself are the protagonists in this concert for two guitars. He is accompanied by his son Mario Herrero. As a duo they are able to get the very most out of the guitar, which in this format is able to reach stunningly beautiful heights.