



EuroStrings announces:

Guimarães International Guitar Festival Portugal

EuroStrings, which is co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union, is proud to be a part of the Guimaraes International Guitar Festival between 18th and 29th December 2018. EuroStrings is the first global collaborative platform of Classical Guitar Festivals, focusing on fostering European musical excellence. It is an ever expanding collaboration of 17 European Festival partners with global partners in the US and Asia. EuroStrings fosters excellence in musicianship, outreach work within the community, creating audience development opportunities, networking and last but not least, world class education for emerging young guitarists.

EuroStrings Artists @ Guimarães International Guitar Festival

Giulia Ballaré, Italy Yuki Saito, Japan Julia Trintschuk, Germany
Simone Rinaldo, Italy Katarzyna Smolarek, Poland

About the Artists

Giulia Ballaré has won more than twenty-five classical guitar prizes in her career. This year Simone Rinaldo played alongside an orchestra for “The Circus”, by Charlie Chaplin, under the baton of Helmut Imig. Rinaldo Yuki Saito is the youngest of these 5 artists at only 21 years old. At 23 years old Katarzyna Smolarek has won over 20 competitions in her career. Julia Trintschuk was a mere 4 years old when she began playing guitar. Between just these 5 young musicians they have won no fewer than 70 prizes at classical guitar and music festivals around the world.

See full profiles here: <https://eurostrings.eu/young-stars/eurostrings-artists-of-2018-2019/>

These artists will be headlining concerts, taking part in workshops (including one by Brian Head, Artistic Director of Guitar Foundation of America and international French classical guitarist Judicaël Perroy) as well as giving workshops to children aged between 3 and 12 who have never before played guitar from selected schools in Guimaraes such as Colégio de Vila Pouca and Patronato Nossa Senhora da Oliveira. Some of these EuroStrings Artists will be involved in the jury of the younger age categories in the Cidade de Guimarães International Guitar Competition.

About Guimarães International Guitar Festival 2018

World-renowned guitarists, educators and researchers, representing more than 20 countries (Europe, Asia and America), who will be present at the 5th Guimarães International Guitar Festival (FIGG). The 2018 programme includes 15 concerts, 14 masterclasses, “Cidade de Guimarães International Guitar Competition”, “EuroStrings Artists Exchange Program”, “EuroStrings Partners Meeting” and conferences. There will be several educational programs such as “Guitar for All” workshops too.

There will be a lecture entitled “Music as a Window to the Brain” which looks at the brain in a different way - not by what music can contribute to the development of the brain, but what the study of the brain of musicians can contribute to the evolution of science and the study of the brain. This lecture will be led by Tiago Gil Oliveira, a neuroscientist and a Professor at University of Minho, who studies learning and memory in Alzheimer’s disease.

This is an event organized by “Sociedade Musical de Guimarães” and coproduced by “A OFICINA”. The Artistic Director is the Portuguese guitarist Nuno Cachada. This Festival has the financial support of the Creative Europe Program of European Union and the Municipality of Guimarães.

About EuroStrings

EuroStrings Artists are a selected group of young professionals, winners of international competitions of the festivals that are members of the EuroStrings Platform. These Artists are awarded a year-long touring programme, focusing on festival visits within Europe, following a carefully curated programme - the EuroStrings Curriculum. **ENDS**



Selected images from FIGG 2017/18. Others images are also available.



1. Workshop "Guitar for All" at "Domingos de Abreu School Center" - Vieira do Minho, Portugal. Dmytro Omelchak (ESA), right, Nuno Cachada (FIGG Artistic Director), left.



2. Andrea Roberto giving the first lesson to a young student from "Domingos de Abreu School Center"



3. Dejan Ivanovich (right) giving a Masterclass to Andrea Roberto, ESA (left).



4. Dejan Ivanovic's concert at FIGG 2017



5. EuroStrings Documentary - Making of with Vedran Vujica (ESA)



6. Judicaël Perroy (teaching ESAs this year 2018/19) giving a concert in FIGG 2017.



7. Nicola Montella delivering 1st prize to Simone Rinaldo (ESA) - "Cidade de Guimarães International Guitar Competition 2017" (Level G)



8. Nicola Montella's performing at Associação Comercial e Industrial de Guimarães



9. The last concert - from left to right - Eduardo Magalhães, Dmytro Omelchak (ESA), Antero Pelika (ESA), André Madeira, Nuno Cachada, Dejan Ivanovich, Andrea Roberto, Vedran Vujica (ESA) and Ricardo Cerqueira



10. Vedran Vujica giving a Masterclass to Mariana, a young student from Guimarães Conservatory.



11. Venues

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