



RUBEN BETTENCOURT

CLASSICAL GUITAR



ABOUT

International Guitar Festival Julian Arcas (Spain) described him as “(...) Different and Brilliant Guitarist (...)”; Antonio Chagas Rosa, International acclaimed composer, reviewed Ruben “(...) as a solo guitarist that his technical skills, artistic sensibility, musical intelligence and professional sense stroke me as it rarely happen in a teacher’s life (...)”; Jeffrey Mcfadden, Classical Guitar head teacher at University of Toronto, says (...) Ruben is one of the most gifted young players of his generation. His technical capacities on the instrument are unlimited and are used in support of a deep, mature musical expressiveness. (...)”; Daniel Taylor, one of the most famous counter-tenors in the World, describes Ruben as “(...) a compelling young artist. He is terrifically talented as was evidenced during his memorable performance I attended at Toronto’s Walter Hall. (...) He has a great presence in concert and an ability to communicate with his audience”.

After winning 24 international competition prizes all over Europe, he detains a Portugal Prize record after winning 6 prizes just in 2012. He has also been acclaimed as Cultural Ambassador of the Azores due to the success of musical career.

Mr Bettencourt, with over 500 interviews on media, press and radio, has appeared on Portuguese TV (RTP, RTP Azores, RTP2), Main Portuguese Radio (RDP – Antena 2), RTV1 (PTB1) (Radio Television Vojvodine – Serbia), Gente da Nossa TV (Canada), Omni TV (Canada), FPTV (Canada), featured in the Portuguese press “Jornal de Notícias”, “Publico”, and as “Portuguese of the Week” on “Correio da Manhã”.



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He has been invited to perform in important venues, solo or as soloist with orchestra, given masterclasses in numerous festivals in 11 countries in Europe, Africa and North America, as “Festival de Guitarra de Larache” (Morroco, 2012), “XIII Certamen Julian Arcas” (Spain 2013), “Guitar Festival Santo Tirso” (2014, Portugal), “Dia de Portugal” (2014, USA) and World Premiered several pieces dedicated to him by Antero Ávila, Victor Castro, Nuno Figueiredo, Janko Raseta, Konstantin Vassiliev, Mathias Duplessy, Roydon Tse, Simone Iannarelli, and Neck Kuhar. Recently, Mr. Bettencourt had presented himself with a live radio concert to RDP2 – the main classical music Radio in Portugal at the most important national hall, Centro Cultural de Belém (CCB).

Mr. Bettencourt holds a Bachelor’s diploma from University of Aveiro (Portugal) with Dr. Paulo Vaz de Carvalho and Dr. Pedro Rodrigues, and with full scholarship from Science and Technology Foundation (Portugal), a Masters in Music degree from Maastricht Conservatory (Netherlands) with leading guitarist Dr. Carlo Marchione.

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Upcoming concerts and events include a CD release in a few weeks, totally recorded, mastered and produced by Mr. Bettencourt, which includes several World first recordings by Vassiliev, Raseta, Duplessy, Kuhar and Dunne pieces, which feature a diverse program of current composers. Recent engagements for 2019 will enable him to showcase throughout Europe and North America.

Mr. Bettencourt has started a Video-Series on Youtube Channel "GuitarViral", with the goal of sharing his knowledge and experience about classical guitar with upcoming guitarists.



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