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80th Anniversary Concert



At St Paul's Church Covent Garden, London, WC2E 9ED

Thursday, 22nd November 2018, 19:30 - 21:30

To book online: www.actorschurch.org

Tickets £20 (price includes 1 glass of white wine per ticket)
Anglo-Portuguese Society Member £15 (promo code required)
Students (NUC card holders) £10
Over 65 and disabled £15

For full information about the musicians and the scheduled programme visit
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The Anglo-Portuguese Society invites you to its Anniversary Concert

This year sees the 80th anniversary of the foundation of The Anglo-Portuguese Society. To mark such an important milestone in its history, the Society is organising a series of events throughout the year. This November the Society is delighted to be hosting a concert of Portuguese, Iberian and Latin-American classical and traditional music.

EnCanto Contratenores will offer a taste of the wonderful tradition of Portuguese and Iberian music which has crossed continents and travelled down centuries - from 16th century villancicos and 18th century arias and sonatas to protest songs, traditional songs and *fado*. Every facet of history and human life will be on show in this diverse and exhilarating programme.

Luís Peças from Portugal and Brazilian João Paulo Ferreira, will be performing with João Santos. João Santos is the Titular Organist at Leiria Cathedral and from 2010 to 2018 was the principal organist at the Sanctuary of Fatima. João will also perform some dramatic and virtuoso organ works.

As well as concerts in some of Portugal's most beautiful and historic buildings, Luís and João have undertaken private commissions and played for public audiences throughout Europe, singing in landmark venues such as St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Leipzig's Nikolaikirche, Slovakia's State Opera, the Cathédral de Saint-Louis des Invalides in Paris and the Basilique de St Martin de Tours, and in both North and South America. Most recently João and Luís undertook a series of concerts in Brazil, taking part in the city of Garanhuns' Winter Festival and in Gravatá, where their concert formed part of that city's tenth Concert Series 'Virtuosi'. This October and November *EnCanto Contratenores* will be undertaking concert tours in France and the Azores.

During the interval, when a glass of wine will be served, the audience will be entertained by The Fado Duo, guitarists Giorgio Serci and Pedro Velasco, who will also be accompanying Luís and João in the latter half of their programme.

Please book your tickets visit www.actorschurch.org.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Meet the Performers



'EnCanto' Luís Peças and João Paulo Ferreira

Counter-tenor Luís Peças is singer in residence at the World Heritage Monastery of Santa Maria in Alcobaça, Portugal. Acclaimed for his sensitive interpretation of sacred works, Luís has been invited to sing in France, Germany and the UK regularly, as well as in both the United States and South America.

João, native of Garanhuns in Brazil, has now moved to Portugal, singing with Luís as half of the duo 'enCanto'. João is already making his mark with the public in areas as diverse as baroque opera, the musical traditions of other cultures, and contemporary and experimental theatre. João started his international career in 2013 with Nido Delas Artes International Opera Tour of Mexico, Panama and Costa Rica.

In July this year João and Luís undertook a series of concerts in Brazil at the invitation of the city of Garanhuns to take part in the city's Winter Festival, and to the city of Gravatá where their concert formed part of their tenth Concert Series 'Virtuosi'.

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João Santos

João has excelled in the areas of Organ and Composition, both in Portugal and internationally.

From 2010 to 2018, João was the principal organist at the Sanctuary of Fatima, where he still plays as a guest recitalist from time to time. He continues in his role as principal organist of the Cathedral of Leiria, a post he has held since 2007.

João is piano accompanist for the EnCanto countertenors duo, with whom he has regular concerts all over Portugal, as well as touring abroad, most frequently to France, Brazil and the UK, but also to Switzerland, the United States, Belgium, Germany and Slovakia.

As a composer, João was a finalist at the Simon Carrington Chamber Singers Choral Composition Competition (USA) and Musicaficta International Choral Composition Competition (Italy). Following the latter, his works Jesu Dulcis Memoria and Tryptich were selected for publication by Edition Ferrimontana, based in Germany. His transcription for six organs of the Allegretto of the 7th Symphony of Ludwig Van Beethoven won the first prize in the international composition competition "Organs of Mafra", 2017



'The Fado Duo' Giorgio Serci and Pedro Velasco

Giorgio Serci is an award-winning guitarist, composer, lecturer and columnist. He has performed and recorded with many of music's household names, including Nigel Kennedy, Julian Lloyd Webber and the BBC Concert Orchestra. He has led workshops in various of Europe's conservatoires, is a regular columnist for a number of specialist magazines, and is a Fellow of the Academy of Contemporary Music.

Pedro Velasco is a London-based guitarist who specialises in improvised music. Born in Lisbon, Portugal, he started learning guitar age 12 under the tutelage of renowned Portuguese guitarist Mario Delgado. Moving to London in 2003 he found himself drawn to jazz and improvised music and graduated with a first-class honours degree in Music (Jazz Performance). He now performs on a whole range of stringed instruments, playing across the UK and Europe, always exploring new styles and engaging with other musicians and audience alike.



Giorgio Serci



Pedro Velasco

About The Anglo-Portuguese Society

Our History

The Anglo-Portuguese Society was formally constituted in 1938 to foster the historic and cultural links between the United Kingdom and Portugal in honour of the Treaty of Windsor (1386), to this day the world's oldest alliance.

Today, Anglo-Portuguese Society offers its Members a varied events programme which includes: illustrated talks; musical concerts; exclusive art gallery viewings; an Annual General Meeting of Members followed by a Reception; wine tasting events; the David Mynett Memorial Lecture, and the Ann Waterfall Student Award Presentation.

Who we are

The Anglo-Portuguese Society is a registered charity in England, governed by an Executive Committee, appointed by its members.

The Executive Committee consists of individuals who work to fulfil the objectives of the Society on a voluntary basis and is responsible for the management of the Society in a diligent, transparent and compliant manner.

BOOKINGS

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