

Preview Music

Guitar kicks off solo series

The Cyprus Artists Series organised by the Pharos Trust to promote and support leading musicians of Cypriot ancestry continues on October 13 at Castelletissa Hall with a recital by the guitarist Vasilios Avraam.

Parts of the recital will be repeated on October 17 at the Municipal Arts Centre as part of the Pharos Trust's Brazilian month.

Avraam studied at the Ferenc Liszt Conservatoire in Debrecen, Hungary and continued his studies in Strasbourg and in 2007 was awarded his DMus from the Academy of Music in Bratislava.

He has participated in numerous festivals and recitals in Hungary, Germany, France and Slovakia and is the Artistic Director of the Classical Guitar Festival of North-Eastern Hungary.

The first part of his recital will be dedicated to Brazil's best known classical composer, Heitor Villa Lobos, who wrote orchestral, chamber and instrumental works although his earliest pieces originated with guitar improvisations. The political and social changes in Brazil – the abolishment of slavery in 1888 and the overthrow of the Empire of Brazil in 1889, was reflected in the musical life of the

country. Villa-Lobos had very little of the dominant influence of European music and instead had most of his musical training by observing musical evenings arranged by his father.

He absorbed the power of Brazil's cultural diversity and was influenced by tangos and polkas, with many of his guitar piece demonstrating originality and a virtuosic technique.

Villa Lobos composed more than a dozen works for various instruments under the title *Choros* and described them as 'a new form of musical composition'.

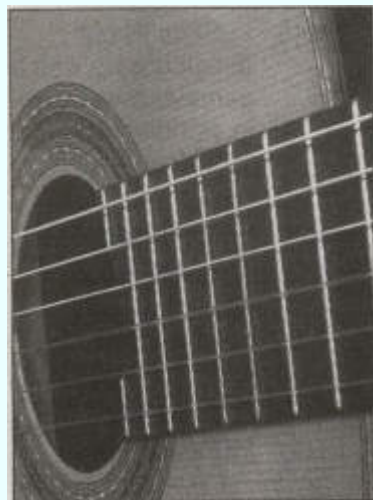
These will be included on Avraam's programme as well as a selection of Preludes and Etudes. The second half is dedicated to Maurice Ohana, Piazzolla and the Italian composer Carlo Domeniconi's *Variations on an Anatolian Folksong*.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from Athalassas Music Centre, Moufflon Bookshop, Travelorama or The Pharos Trust.

Classic Guitar Recital

With Vasilios Avraam playing works by Heitor Villa-Lobos, Astor Piazzolla, Maurice Ohana and Carlo Domeniconi. As part of Pharos Trust's Cyprus Artist Series. October 13. Castelletissa Hall, Paphos gate, old Nicosia. Tel: 22-663871

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