

## CLASSICAL MUSIC IN SEPTEMBER

### **Sunday 24 at 5 pm at the Quintinha da Música near Tavira.**

**Lucjan Luc** We again welcome back our friend Lucjan to play for us here in the Algarve. He will be playing the four Balladen op 10 by Brahms, Sonatine and Jeux d'eau by Ravel and Franz Liszt's magnificent Sonata in B minor. **Lucjan Luc** was born in Jaroslaw (Poland). He obtained his degree in piano and chamber music in Katowice where he graduated with distinction. While still a student, he gave solo recitals and chamber music concerts in Poland, the United Kingdom and Portugal and in 1990 he won first prize at the 14th Polish Piano Festival in Slupsk. Among his most important solo appearances are concerts with the Katowice Philharmonic Orchestra (Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3), the Classic Orchestra of Oporto (Chopin's Piano Concerto No 1) and the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra (Concertos by Bach, Gorecki, Paderewski and Simphonie Concertante No 4 Op.60 by Szymanowski). He has participated several times as a guest pianist at the *Contemporary Music Encounters* in the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. While with the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra (1992-1996) he performed throughout Portugal in over 200 chamber music recitals and as accompanist. The CD he recorded with the Portuguese soprano Ana Madalena Moreira was dedicated to Portuguese composers. He has participated in various Spanish concerts and festivals, performing with different instrumentalists, and with the famous Chinese cellist Jian Wang and saxophonist David Alonso, he appeared in *Palau de la Música* in Valencia in 1998 and 2008. In Córdoba in 2010, Lucjan gave a solo recital at the *9th Rafael Orozco Piano Festival*, and more recently in 2012 at the *25th Contemporary Music Festival*. In 2013 together with English violinist Alexander Stewart and Armenian cellist Varoujan Bartikian he has formed **Trio Aeternus**. Lucjan has appeared three times before as soloist at Quintinha da Música and he is a great favourite. Tickets cost €25 (includes interval drinks and tapas)

### **SATURDAY 30 at 5 pm at Boa Esperança near Tavira**

**Duo Lacerda** Sadly we had to postpone the Violin Odyssey, planned for 31 August. Luckily we have been able to re-arrange it. I am delighted that violinists Alexander Stewart and Regina Aires will visit the Algarve again to take us on a whistle stop journey of the history of the violin. When Alex's father, himself a violinist, heard that Alex wanted pocket money, his advice was that the young violinist should go out onto the streets of London and do some busking ....he would then realise how difficult it is to earn a living as a musician. Born in London in 1964, Alex Stewart began his studies at the age of six with his father, Walter Stewart; later in Portugal he studied with Maxim Jacobsen and Vasco Barbosa. Alex has given various concerts and recitals in England, Poland and Portugal, and has recorded both for radio and television. In May 2004 Alexander was invited by the National Ballet Company in Lisbon to perform Stravinsky's "Duo Concertante" with the soloists from the Zurich Ballet. He is presently one of the Concert Masters in the Orquestra Sinfónica Portuguesa. He is the first violin and a founding member of the Lacerda String Quartet, a founding member of the Aeternus Trio and a part of the Duo Lacerda with his wife Regina Aires who plays second violin with the Lacerda Quartet. Duo Lacerda now offers a highly original musical odyssey covering 300 years of the development of the violin. They will describe how the instrument is built, how the bow developed and how the violin changed in response to audience demand. In between the historical descriptions will be musical illustrations and anecdotes relating to the lives of the composers. They offer showpieces from the works of composers of the Classical, Baroque, Romantic and 20th Century periods and from nationalities such as the German, Polish, Italian and French. It will be for the audience to guess the identity of the different composers as the evening progresses. Odysseus took ten years to complete his Odyssey as he returned to Ithaca after the Trojan War. Duo Lacerda will complete their odyssey in 90 minutes - not including the post concert drinks. Tickets cost €25. (includes post odyssey drinks and tapas)

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