

# Spain Pavilion

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Terra Auditorium

## José María Gallardo Rey “The Arabic World on the Spanish Guitar”



The charismatic guitarist **José María Gallardo del Rey** presents "**The Arabic World on the Spanish Guitar**", a repertoire of works inspired by the context of the magical Alhambra style, as well as pieces by Isaac Albéniz as well as his own works.

**Granada or the Alhambra**, far from being a product destined for export, have been a catalyst for creation and an inexhaustible source of inspiration surrounded by the beauty, mystery and magic of this monumental historical complex. This is how legendary and universal works such as "**Memories of the Alhambra**" or the "**Arab Caprice**" by **Francisco Tárrega** convey it.

Likewise, the famous popular theme "**Las Morillas de Jaén**", a significant example of transference and cultural overlapping (**García Lorca/Gallardo del Rey**), whose first written documentation is probably located in the Arab east around the 15th century.

The programme also includes music by **Albéniz**, that unites traditional and folkloric elements with classical language to create a true national style: Cádiz, Seville and Asturias, from the Spanish Suite. On the other hand, Gallardo plays his own compositions such as "**Cadencias del Concierto de Toledo**" which is an homage to the three cultures, Jewish, Christian and Muslim, that coexisted in Spain.

**Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey** is considered one of today's most important guitarists. His career is recognized by different international performance awards, as well as by his intense compositional work. His training as a classical guitarist has been enriched thanks to his intense relationship with the world of flamenco. The conjunction of both styles has created a unique way of interpreting and understanding Spanish music.

### Programme

Francisco Tárrega (1852 -1909): **Moorish dance, Arab whim, Memories of the Alhambra**

José María Gallardo del Rey (1961): **Cadences of the Toledo Concert**

Isaac Albéniz (1860-1909) (\*): **Cádiz / Asturias / Seville**

Federico García Lorca / Gallardo del Rey: **The Morels of Jaén**

Jose Maria Gallardo del Rey: **Rosales**