

ENCORE!

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Merlin brings magic to Argentinian music

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Encore Contributor

Although Jose Luis Merlin has been called a "magician" by at least one critic, he is actually a musician. The classical and folk music guitarist from Argentina will be at the EMU Fir Room Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Following a guitar solo in the first part of the concert, he will be accompanied by Argentinian flutist Debora Lewin.

The couple will perform a program consisting entirely of works by Argentinean composers, including classical music, tangos and folkloric music.

The couple are in the midst of their fifth tour of the United States, in concerts that promote cultural exchange and benefit human rights organizations in Argentina.

Partial proceeds from the event will be donated to the "Madres de la Plaza de Mayo" (Mothers of the Disappeared) and the Peace and Justice Service of Latin America (SERPA), directed by 1980 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Adolfo Perez-Esquivel.

These groups were formed during the "Dirty War," in which opponents of the military dictatorship "disappeared" and were assassinated.

"There were at least 9,000 people who 'disappeared' during the military regime, 1976 to 1983, and we are still trying to find out what happened to them," Merlin said.

Though the country has since returned to democracy, more than 200 military officers — including those accused of human right violations and those



Courtesy photo

Jose Luis Merlin and Debora Lewin will perform works by Argentinean composers at a concert Saturday. The couple are touring to benefit human rights organizations in Argentina.

who took part in uprisings against former President Raul Alfonsin, were pardoned by Peronist President Carlos Saul Menem on Oct. 7.

The Latin American country also is going through economic turmoil, as inflation reached an yearly rate of 4,000 percent, and monthly increases of 200 percent. Some prices doubled or tripled in New Year's weekend, in what the Finance Minister described as a "week of economic terror."

"Jose Luis Merlin is a master of both the classical guitar and the folk music of Latin America, and the range of his repertoire, which includes some of his own compositions, reflects this," said Kevin Marsh, spokesperson for the Council for Human Rights in Latin America, one of the sponsors. "His music appeals to many tastes, and he has played to a variety of audiences throughout Latin America, Europe, Japan and the United States."

Merlin has developed the Carlevaro method of classical guitar technique. He has written a book and produced an instructional videotape of this method, and he will offer a master guitar class at the University.

Tickets for Saturday's concert are \$4 for students and senior citizens, and \$6 general admission, and are available at the EMU Main Desk and at the door.

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Wednesday, Feb 7th**

TIME: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

PLACE: Student Health Center: Room 21

1 hour informational meeting: Jan 30th 7:00pm

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