



Foreword



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I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of you who are attending tonight's performance at Leighton House of the Slovene classical guitarist, Žarko Ignjatović.

It is worth mentioning that the culture rendered the existence of Slovenes possible on the crossroads of the interests of much bigger nations until our dreams had been realised by independence of our nation. Music is an important part of our Central European and Mediterranean identity.

Today, a highly talented new generation of musicians and composers are emerging in Slovenia who are performing and writing music in an innovative style with original harmonies and rhythms. Žarko Ignjatović is a part of a new generation.

The Embassy of Slovenia is very proud to organise the classical guitar concert to celebrate the Slovene Presidency of the European Council and is happy to contribute to the International Series of European music organised by Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Society (LACCS) and bringing new music to the repertoire of classical guitar.

Tonight's performance at Leighton House is a fine example of international cultural cooperation in the sphere of arts, and it wouldn't be possible without the sponsorship of Iskra Ltd, Adria Airways, Nova Ljubljanska Banka d.d., Alphatek International Instruments Ltd and Unior International Ltd.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy this special performance of Slovene classical guitarist Žarko Ignjatović and that it will inspire you to discover more about Slovenia, its culture and its musical heritage.

I hope you all have a truly memorable musical evening.

Iztok Mirosic
Ambassador

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