

Ara Malikian – violin virtuoso in the grand finale of the Singer's Warsaw Festival

Considered one of the best classical musicians of the 21st century, Ara Malikian will play the final concert of the 21st Jewish Culture Festival Singer's Warsaw at the National Opera House in Warsaw. Each Malikian's concert is a mold-breaking show, full of dance, costumes, colors and effects.

This year's edition of the Singer's Warsaw Jewish Culture Festival (24 August - 1 September) will feature over 150 events – concerts, shows, performances, meetings, and workshops, which will be attended by Polish and international musicians, actors, writers and scholars.

The final concert of the Festival will traditionally take place in the National Opera House in Warsaw. This year it will be a truly awaited event, as for the second time the organizers have managed to invite Ara Malikian to come and take part in the Festival. During the Warsaw concert hosted by actor and director Dawid Szurmiej, Ara Malikian will perform with his band featuring Iván „Melón” Lewis (piano), Iván Ruiz Machado (double bass), Georvis Pico Milán (percussion), Dayan Abad (guitar).

Ara Malikian, the internationally renowned Spanish violinist and composer of Armenian origin, born in Lebanon, is the recipient of many prestigious awards (he was nominated for the Latin Grammy Awards and many others). Above all, the artist stands out among other musicians for his masterful and original performances of both classical music and original compositions that present the culture of the Middle East, Central Europe, Argentina and Spain.

“In our family, music is more than just music, it is survival, it is life,” he says in the film “Ara i kian, Violin, my life,” which was made during his world tour. He played his first major concert when he was only 12 years old, despite living and studying in bomb shelters for a long time because of the Lebanese civil war. Two years later, he was heard by conductor Hans Herbert-Jöris, who awarded him a German government scholarship to study at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Hannover, and the 14-year-old Malikian became the youngest student at this university.

Today, Malikian performs all over the world, playing with prestigious orchestras in England, Switzerland, Portugal and Japan, among others (he has performed in more than 40 countries). He has released more than a dozen albums – including “15” which is a tribute to 15 years he spent in Spain, with a wonderful collaboration at the Teatro Real in Madrid, “The Incredible History of Violin” and the latest “Royal Garage,” which includes collaborations with artists such as Andrés Calamaro, Enrique Bunbury and Serj Tankian. The “15” tour – one of the biggest in recent years – has been a success recognized by both audiences and critics, attracting more than 175,000 people at over 150 concerts.

Ara Malikian has also written music for Pedro Almodovar's films.

Each his concert is a mold-breaking show, full of dance, costumes, colors and effects. Emotions and humor, combined with the artist's unique violin playing technique, will leave no one indifferent.

The Jewish Culture Festival Singer's Warsaw is organized by the Shalom Foundation. The Festival program has been published on the organiser's website: www.shalom.org.pl and on the Festival's Facebook and Instagram pages. Tickets for the concert of Ara Malikian can be purchased at the box office of the theater and on the website teatr Wielki.pl

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