

Ruben Monteiro

The Pillars of Hercules

Ruben Monteiro is a producer, multi-instrumentalist and composer with an unusual breadth of musical genres. He focuses on the study, practice and composition of new repertoires for various musical instruments related to different cultures and traditions. His projects have been presented all over the world, from China, India, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, throughout Europe and North America.



In this project, the musician condenses his original repertoire into a dynamic performance, alternating between compositions specifically written for each of the instruments featured in each performance and songs that essentially use the Portuguese language. The main characters are the Viola Braguesa, the Portuguese Guitar, the Hurdy Gurdy, the Arabic Lute and the Turkish Bağlama.



"Pilares de Hércules" (Pillars of Hercules) is the name of an intense artistic performance with a strong educational focus, which takes the audience on a musical journey through instruments from cultures across the Atlantic to the eastern Mediterranean.

This concert can be performed as a solo, duo or trio, depending on the purpose and setting of the performance.

UMBRA

"Umbra" merges and concentrates Ruben Monteiro's different musical universes. In this project, the musician invites the audience to navigate his original repertoire, passing through different phases of his career with distinct approaches and sounds.



From the microtonal guitar to the Hurdy gurdy, from the Braguese viola to the Turkish bağlama, we can hear songs, varied soundscapes and dense compositions, in a mixture of acoustic sounds with the electronic and modern universe. As a soloist, the musician uses a loop station, samplers and electronic permissions. In a duo, trio or quartet, the concerts take on a greater dimension and impact. They can be invited in different formats: Carla Costa (Turkish Ney, Whistle and Bagpipes), Christian Marr's (guitars and bass), Dinis Coelho (Percussion), Tiago Santos (drums) or Carlos Garcia (piano and keyboards).



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