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News from Portugal...

Education Activities from Portugal: Concert accordionist Paulo Jorge Ferreira composed two new works: "Improvisata" for string quartet and accordion, and "Nuances" for accordion and clarinet. In addition, Mr. Ferreira was invited along with Paris-Moscow Duo (Domi Emorine and Roman Zbanov) to give master-classes in Faro, Portugal in June.

Gonçalo Pescada graduated from the accordion superior course (Licenciature – 4 years) in the Arts Superior School in Castelo Branco, in class of Paulo J. Ferreira. Gonçalo Pescada is the first student who concluded the course, in Portugal. He also obtained the 3rd place from 60 candidates, in a national competition for young musicians of any instrument. In this competition that takes place in Porto, in March, the candidates have to play a concerto for their instrument and Symphony Orchestra.

Concerts Activities from Portugal: Paulo Jorge Ferreira played two programs with Remix Ensemble, a Portuguese chamber Ensemble). In January in Porto, he performed the accordion part of "Kinderzenen with Robert Schuman" of Brice Pauset. In other concerts (Porto and Strasbourg) he performed the accordion part of the opera "Philomela" of James Dillon. He also played works of Kurt Weill with the Gulbenkian Orchestra.

In Faro in June, the Paris Mosco Duo (Domi Emorine and Roman Zbanov), Paulo Jorge Ferreira, Quarteto Al'cordeão, Gonçalo Pescada and String Quartet and the João Frade Jazz trio were the guest musicians on the concert series.

In September, famed French accordionist Richard Galliano performed in Lisbon (with his Septet) in conjunction with his newly released "Piazzolla Forever".

Portuguese accordionist Pedro Santos performed in Athens, Greece with the pianist Stefanos Korkolis and a strings octet. He also played a concert in with the Portuguese Tenor José Corvelo in Ilha das Flores in Açores.

New CD Recording from Portugal: The CD "Percursos" of Paulo Jorge Ferreira was released in June by the Portuguese label "Numérica".

The CD which includes works of Piazzolla, Vlassov, Surkov, Lecuona, Kölz, Mozart, Boëllmann, Matono, Strauss II and an original work are available in FNAC of Portugal, or from his personal site www.pjferreira.com

Portugal to host 2005 Coupe Mondiale during CIA 70th **Anniversary Celebrations:** The 2005 Coupe Mondiale will take place from 18th to 23rd October, 2005 in Castelo Branco.

Castelo Branco is located just under two hours from Lisbon which offers excellent flight connections from major cities around the world. In addition, Castelo Branco offers excellent hotel facilities and six auditoriums suitable for the 58th Coupe Mondiale Competitions and concerts.

The 2005 Coupe Mondiale in Castelo Branco will coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the CIA. Full details will be published on the www.coupemondiale.org site soon.

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