

Hello, everyone!

Recap

Last week, we were joined by early music instrumentalist Dr. Rogério Budasz! Rogério introduced us to the lute, renaissance guitar, and baroque guitar. All use fingerpicking techniques to play. Rogério performed the following pieces for us:

John Dowland: Fortune my foe; Dr Case's Pavan

Francesco da Milano: Fantasia

Scottish lute books: Corne Yards, Scots Tune, I kissed while she blushed, Canaries

Adrian Le Roy: l'ennuy que me tourmente

Santiago de Murcia: marionas (chaconne)

Gaspar Sanz: Villanos, Españolalets, Canarios

Since we did have some issues with sound distortion on Zoom, here are YouTube links to a few of the pieces so you can listen again.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onr4DfoiLEU&list=OLAK5uy_k6OeELA7JDGgqERVjUVOinzlWvHyxy2WI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvvxMmBxXHw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uinaKx50Yng>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79xtPKLy0_A

This Week

Our guest this Thursday is Leeav Sofer! Leeav Sofer is a Los Angeles based community driven artist exploring the intersection of music and societal healing, focusing both in homelessness, social and emotional connection as well as Jewish cultural heritage.

Sofer is the co-founder and director of The Urban Voices Project, a program that provides music workshops for the homeless and disenfranchised individuals on Skid Row and around Los Angeles County. Clients use arts to navigate their respective journeys off the streets and back into society. These programs have recognition on the front page of the Los Angeles Times, on NPR's All Things Considered, and NBC's Today Show and allowed him to share the stage with various celebrities such as Dick Van Dyke, John Legend, and Joan Baez as well as local politicians and even television appearances

Recognized as Jewish Journal's esteemed "30 under 30", leads the band Mostly Kosher, dedicated to preserving and progressing cultural folk music of Judaic heritage. In 2016, Mostly Kosher had the honor of being the first Jewish music ensemble at the Disney parks and was met with critical acclaim, including a special on PBS. The ensemble continues each year as both a touring ensemble at performing arts centers as well as it's regular return to their residency at the Disney Parks.

Sofer is on faculty at the Colburn School in Los Angeles where he conducts community engagement programs leading Sofer to become one of Los Angeles County Department of Education's lead teaching artists and lecturer on how music intersects with social and emotional learning.

Have a great week everyone!

Best,
Chrysa & Julianne