

Hello everyone!

CI Music Hour Recap 4/13/23

Last week we learned from Flamenco guitarist, Jason Li-Shing. Flamenco is a Spanish art form consisting of singing, dancing, and guitar playing. We learned that the flamenco guitar has roots in Spain just like the classical guitar. However, in contrast to the classical guitar, the flamenco guitar is often played with a set of livelier rhythmic and percussive techniques, making it the perfect music for Flamenco dancing. Often times when playing, flamenco guitarists must coordinate their rhythm and timing with dancers.

Jason also explained to the group that he has to keep his fingernails grown out longer on the hand with which he plucks the strings. We also learned that the Flamenco guitar often has something called a "pick guard" for protection when the musician slaps the instrument for a percussive effect.

Jason played the following pieces for our group: Bésame Mucho, Farruca, Malagueña, La Paloma, and Tempestad. He also played some musical intervals for our group for additional listening practice.

Tomorrow's Music Hour 4/20/23

Tomorrow we will have a "home-base" Music Hour with just our group. Per popular request, we will spend part of the hour practicing major and minor chord and tonality discrimination using some online listening exercises. Please feel free to also bring a song that you'd like to share or play for the group! We will have time for this either at the beginning or end of the hour.

Julianne