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### **ARTIST BIO: Gonzalo Bergara**

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Gonzalo Bergara has emerged a virtuoso composer and lead guitarist. Mixing a cascade of arpeggios with the sounds of Paris and his native Argentina, he has forged his own style of progressive Gypsy Jazz. His music exists in a way that very little music does. He has lavished such care on every phrase, built each arrangement with such lapidary precision and pared away anything extraneous, the music becomes sculpture. It has weight, density, gravity. This is serious....and deeply moving.

Bergara began playing professionally at age 16 in Buenos Aires. By 17 he was already fronting his own blues trio on National Television. In 2000, at age 19, he arrived in America. He's toured worldwide with John Jorgensen Quintet, as well as performing and recording with hundreds of artists including Tim Hausser from Manhattan Transfer, Sylvie Vartan, Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks and Howard Alden. Gonzalo's touring resume covers Croatia, Canada, Italy, France, Germany, Hungary, Argentina, Brazil, England, Scotland and the United States, with notable appearances at Playboy Jazz Fest, Sweet and Hot Jazz Fest, The Montreal Jazz Fest, Django Reinhardt Fest (Germany), Suvv Guitar Fest (Italy), Merle Fest, Strawberry Fest and most Django-style Fests in the US. His performance and tutorial videos on YouTube have logged nearly 5 million views!

The GONZALO BERGARA QUARTET (GBQ) explores a modern variant of the 1930s Django Reinhardt-inspired sound, tangled with the music of Buenos Aires. Their debut CD, *Porteña Soledad* (2007), earned Editor's Pick in Guitar Player Magazine, while Vintage Guitar Magazine called it a "masterpiece." In 2016, the Quartet releases, *Classico*, their fifth independent release to date.

One of Gonzalo's latest projects, The NEW HOT CLUB OF AMERICA (NHCA), features a triple-violin ensemble comprised the top gypsy jazz artists performing today. Modeled on the original instrumentation of the Hot Club of France, NHCA pays particular attention to capturing the sound, style and spirit of this music, performing music composed and performed by Django Reinhardt & Stephane Grappelli.

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