

Rafael Aguirre is acknowledged as one of today's most celebrated virtuoso guitarists, having won first prize at 13 of the world's most prestigious international competitions: a record-breaking achievement for a Spanish musician. Following on from his previous, acclaimed recording (8.572064), this full-blooded recital is of music by Spanish composers or those influenced by Iberia, from the pure flamenco of Paco de Lucía's *Guajiras* to Debussy's impressionistic *Soirée dans Grenade*, and from Albéniz's *Triana*, named after the gypsy quarter in Seville, to the virtuoso fireworks of Tárrega's *Gran Jota*.

RAFAEL AGUIRRE

Guitar Recital

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| 1 Gerónimo Giménez (1854-1923),
arr. Kazuhito Yamashita:
Intermedio from <i>La Boda</i>
de Luis Alonso 6:02 | 7 Debussy, arr. Trepát:
La Puerta del vino
(from <i>Préludes, Book 2</i>) 3:33 |
| 2 Claude Debussy (1862-1918),
arr. Carles Trepát: <i>Soirée dans</i>
<i>Grenade</i> (from <i>Estampes</i>) 5:45 | 8 Manuel López-Quiroga
(1899-1988), arr. Trepát:
Francisco Alegre 4:05 |
| 3 Paco de Lucía (b. 1947):
<i>Guajiras de Lucía</i> 3:47
Sergio Assad (b. 1952):
Spanish Impressions (dedicated
to Rafael Aguirre)* 12:35 | 9 Isaac Albéniz (1860-1909),
arr. Aguirre: <i>Triana</i> 5:42 |
| 4 I. Asturiano 4:01 | 10 Joaquín Rodrigo (1901-1999):
<i>Toccata</i> 8:12 |
| 5 II. Valenciano 4:38 | 11 Francisco Tárrega (1852-1909):
<i>Gran Jota</i> 8:32 |
| 6 III. Andaluz 3:56 | 12 Joaquín Malats (1872-1912), arr.
Tárrega: <i>Serenata española</i> 4:12 |

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