

Colombia's thriving cultural heritage derives from Spanish, African and Amerindian elements. The rich blend of colour and rhythmic vitality found in the synthesis of dance forms and styles, notably the sharply accented Andean *bambuco* ('pursuit dance'), the flowing, graceful *pasillo* and the traditional, rhythmic *guabina*, recurs throughout this programme. Poignant expressiveness and intricate virtuosity are features of Montaña's two *Suites*. Saboya's *Suite Ernestina* includes characteristically South American melodies and rhythms, while Caribbean rhythmic patterns are recreated in González's *Preludio*. José Antonio Escobar's Guitar Music of Chile (Naxos 8.570341) was described as "absolutely stunning" by *MusicWeb International*.

GUITAR MUSIC OF COLOMBIA

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| 1 | Adolfo Mejía (1905-1973): Bambuco en mi (1967) | 3:08 |
| | Gentil Montaña (1942-2011): Suite Colombiana No. 3 | 23:45 |
| 2 | I. La Canción del Soñador – Pasillo | 5:08 |
| 3 | II. Nunca te olvido – Danza | 6:20 |
| 4 | III. Daniela – Guabina | 4:31 |
| 5 | IV. Germán – Bambuco | 3:25 |
| 6 | V. Porro* | 3:51 |
| | Lucas Saboya (b. 1980): Suite Ernestina (2011)* | 16:04 |
| 7 | I. Costurera | 4:05 |
| 8 | II. De algún modo | 2:16 |
| 9 | III. Canción de cuna para seis | 5:53 |
| 10 | IV. Zamba Negra | 3:50 |
| | Géntil Montaña: Suite Colombiana No. 2 | 16:39 |
| 11 | I. El Margariteño – Pasillo | 4:36 |
| 12 | II. Guabina Viajera | 5:56 |
| 13 | III. Bambuco | 2:47 |
| 14 | IV. Porro | 3:20 |
| 15 | Hector González (b. 1961): Preludio (1999) | 4:19 |

* WORLD PRÉMIÈRE RECORDINGS

José Antonio Escobar, Guitar

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Editora Músicas de Colombia; (tracks 7-10); Hector González (track 15);

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