

**Hispano-American Consulates and the Instituto Cervantes Present The Miguel de Cervantes Anniversary Concert in Collaboration with Berklee's Mediterranean Music Institute and Berklee Latino**

- April 22 concert to feature Berklee students and faculty, renowned Spanish guest artist La Shica, and a tribute to the late Paco de Lucía

**Boston, April 8, 2014** — Berklee Latino, the Mediterranean Music Institute (MMI), and Instituto Cervantes, in collaboration with the Hispano-American consulates present a free concert celebrating the Miguel de Cervantes anniversary. The concert takes place Tuesday, April 22, at 8:15 pm, at the Berklee Performance Center, located at 136 Massachusetts Avenue in Boston, MA.

The concert will feature Berklee students and faculty, including the Balkan Vocal Ensemble directed by Christiane Karam, and special guest, renowned Spanish artist La Shica, playing Latin and Spanish genres such as tango, salsa, bolero, cumbia, and rancheras. The concert will also include a tribute to the great flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucía, who passed away earlier this year.

Miguel de Cervantes was a Spanish novelist, poet, and playwright, whose influence shaped the Spanish language of today. De Cervantes is best known for his classic epic novel *Don Quixote*.

The Miguel de Cervantes Anniversary Concert is led by MMI artistic director, Grammy Award-winner Javier Limón and MMI executive director Matthew Nicholl, musical director and Latin Grammy-winner Oscar Stagnaro, and voice instructor Sofia Rei. All of the songs will be arranged by students, coordinated by student arranging supervisor Esther Rojas.

For more information on the event [click here](#).

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**Berklee Latino**, the college's first-ever program to feature an all-Spanish language curriculum, held its inaugural event in Mexico City in January of 2014. The one-week program is led by artistic director and Latin Grammy-winner Javier Limón, and academic director and Latin Grammy-winner Oscar Stagnaro. Berklee Latino offers Spanish-speaking students from around the world the opportunity to learn from Berklee faculty and explore the essence of Latin music, focusing on three major areas of study: songwriting, performance, and basic production skills.

**The Mediterranean Music Institute (MMI)** encourages collaboration in the performance, composition, and study of Mediterranean musical traditions by bringing together musicians, students, artists, and scholars from around the world. Under the artistic direction of Grammy winning producer Javier Limón, the MMI supports the cultural exchange of folk-based music from

the various regions of the Mediterranean, promotes Mediterranean Music internationally, and seeks to enhance the global perspective of Berklee students and faculty at both the Boston and Valencia campuses.

**Instituto Cervantes** is a non-profit organization founded by the government of Spain. Its mission is to promote Spanish language teaching, in addition to fostering knowledge of the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries throughout the world. Instituto Cervantes at Harvard University serves as an "Observatory of the Spanish language and Hispanic Cultures in the United States"

**Berklee College of Music** was founded on the revolutionary principle that the best way to prepare students for careers in music is through the study and practice of contemporary music. For more than 65 years, the college has evolved to reflect the current state of the music industry, leading the way with baccalaureate studies in performance, music business/management, songwriting, music therapy, film scoring, and more. With a focus on global learning, Berklee in Valencia, a new campus in Spain, is hosting the college's first graduate programs, while Berklee Online serves distance learners worldwide with extension classes and degree-granting programs. The Berklee City Music Network provides after-school programming for underserved teens in 45 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. With a student body representing nearly 100 countries and alumni and faculty that have won more than 310 Grammy and Latin Grammy Awards, Berklee is the world's premier learning lab for the music of today—and tomorrow.