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The World's Best Guitarists in Moscow

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Artyom Dervoyed, one of Russia's most accomplished guitarists, will perform a Beethoven violin concerto adapted for guitar.

If you're in the mood to be serenaded or just love great guitar music, head down to the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall this Wednesday for the start a four-day festival bringing together leading guitarists from around the world.

"Guitar Virtuosos" will feature music from the best classical and contemporary composers, with musicians accompanied by the Svetlanov Symphony Orchestra. Illustrious Italian conductor Fabio Mastrangelo will lead proceedings.

"The festival, which is now in its second decade, is rapidly changing and developing and has become a unique musical event that brings together not only the stars of the classical guitar world, but also other outstanding musicians," said Artem Dervoyed, Art Director of the festival, in a written statement to The Moscow Times. "There is also an educational element. It's an opportunity for young artists to gain invaluable experience, and it is an important step in their development."

A series of masterclasses will run alongside the festival, allowing students and teachers from Moscow's best music schools to meet with some of the international performers. The events will be streamed live to allow guitarists around the world to watch in real time.

A truly international festival, it will showcase such renowned musicians as Italian Adriano de Sal, Brazilian brothers Sergio and Odair Assad, Spanish musician Ricardo Gallen and Russia's own Artyom Dervoyed, who will perform a composition for guitar adapted from one of Beethoven's violin concertos.

Guitar Virtuosos runs from Wednesday through Saturday at the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall.

Tchaikovsky Concert Hall. 4/31 Triumfalnaya Ploshchad. Metro Mayakovskaya. meloman.ru. To register for masterclasses go to guitarvirtuosos.timepad.ru*.*

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