

Almer Imamovic

Guitarist Almer Imamovic began his studies in Sarajevo, Bosnia under the guidance of the world-renowned teacher, Mila Rakanovic. Shortly after graduating high school in 1997, he had the great honor of playing with the London Mozart Players where he performed selections of Vivaldi in the Bosnian National Theatre.

Almer then was awarded a scholarship to continue his studies at the famed Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris with Rafael Andia where he received a diploma for guitar and chamber music studies. While in France, Almer participated in the International Day of Culture in Stockholm where he was asked to perform in Nobel Hall. He went on to receive his Master's Degree at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with John Mills where he was awarded a teaching assistantship. During his time in Wales, he won the John Mills Prize and had very successful performances at Bolivar Hall and the Queen Alexander House in London. Almer completed his graduate studies at the University of Southern California studying with Scott Tennant and Pepe Romero. While at USC, Almer was the 1st place winner of the Fresno International Guitar Competition.

As a soloist, Almer has performed with the Stivers Symphony, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Sarajevo Philharmonic, which included a special performance for the Bosnian leader Sulejman Tihic. In April 2007, Almer was invited to perform again with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra under Maestro Gittleman for a two-night engagement in Ohio. In addition to these important solo engagements, Almer also is very involved in the promotion of world music and is a highly sought-after studio musician. He is currently on tour with classical/cross-over singer, Valencia Vas.

While in Paris he began a guitar and flute duo, AlmaNova, with flutist, Jessica Pierce. AlmaNova Duo has had many concerts together around the world, particularly in Sarajevo at the Dom Armije and in Paris at the Theatre de Naples. The duo has also performed at the Tijuana International Guitar Festival in 2004 in Mexico, the Cardiff International Center of Culture in Wales, the 2006 International Giuliani Festival in Pasadena and the 2007 National Flute Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Almer is currently Artistic Director and Head of Guitar Studies at the South Pasadena Music Center and Conservatory.