

STRUNZ & FARAH

FACTS

Based in: Los Angeles, California

Musical Genre: World music and Jazz; Latin guitar (instrumental)

Latest Release: Fantaseo, release date 10/17/06

Musicians: Jorge Strunz (from Costa Rica), Spanish guitar, ronroco, synth pads, birds
Ardeshir Farah (from Iran), Spanish guitar

Charlie Bisharat: violin • Carlitos del Puerto, Eliseo Borrero: bass • Jimmy Branly: drums, cajón
• Joey de Leon: percussion • Majid Ghorbanian: Middle Eastern percussion • Ararat Petrossian: shvi

Points of Note: Pioneering virtuosic guitar duo plays original compositions with improvisations. Always backed by an international ensemble of world-class musicians, they are a very powerful and popular live act. The music is their original blend of flamenco, Afro-Latin and Latin folk, Middle Eastern and jazz forms. Their CDs *Primal Magic* and *Américas* have been named Billboard World Music Album of the Year and been nominated for a Grammy in the World Music category, respectively. *Heat of the Sun*, spent 4 months in the top 10 of the World Music chart. Together since 1979, Strunz & Farah have sold over a million records and have profoundly influenced acoustic guitarists worldwide.

Languages spoken: Jorge is perfectly bilingual (although Spanish is his native language). Ardeshir's native tongue is Farsi, but speaks flawless English.

Additional Data: Jorge Strunz has received two Presidential awards from the government of Costa Rica for his cultural achievements.

Discography:

- *Mosaico*, 1982, Selva
- *Frontera*, 1984, Milestone
- *Guitarras*, 1985, Milestone
- *Misterio*, 1989, AudioQuest
- *Primal Magic*, 1990, Mesa, 1999 Selva
- *Américas*, 1992, Mesa, 1999 Selva
- *Heat of the Sun*, 1995, Selva
- *Live*, 1997, Selva
- *Wild Muse*, 1998, Selva
- *Best of Strunz & Farah*, 2000, Selva
- *Stringweave*, 2001, Selva
- *Strunz & Farah In Performance DVD*, 2003, Selva
- *Rio de Colores*, 2003, Selva
- *Zona Tórrida*, 2004 Selva
- *Desert Guitars*, 2005 Selva
- *Jungle Guitars*, 2006 Selva
- *Fantaseo*, 2006 Selva

Record Label: Selva, Woodland Hills. The name means "jungle" in Spanish. Selva was recognized by Billboard as one of the top 5 independent World Music labels in 1996.

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