

## **AIR & DANCES**

**A Theme Concert for String Orchestra  
by THE COMMANDARIA ORCHESTRA**

**CONDUCTOR: FRANCIS GUY**

**'Pallas' Theatre, Nicosia - Cyprus. May 26th 201.**

**SOLOIST: GEORGE GEORGIU**

**LEADER: PAVEL ROTARU**

- I. Praeludium (Allegro vivace)
- II. Sarabande (Andante)
- III. Gavotte (Allegretto)
- IV. Air (Andante religioso)
- V. Rigaudon (Allegro con brio)

COMMANDARIA ORCHESTRA was established in 2009 by The Cyprus Wine Museum. The appellation of the Orchestra directly references to the region where the Orchestra and The Cyprus Wine Museum are based, the Great Commandery of Cyprus (Kolossi Castle) which was founded by the Order of Saint John. Commandaria is also the unique sweet wine of Cyprus that Homer and Hesiod mention in their opuses. The word 'orchestra' has its roots from the word 'orchos', which during the Homeric years meant row of vines and its related with the cult of Dionysus

The Commandaria Orchestra's main target is the implementation of the visions of The Cyprus Wine Museum, including the spread of the culture of Cyprus. The rich repertoire of the orchestra includes masterpieces from the medieval ages until nowadays. Number of premier compositions where performed and recorded which most of them were dedicated to the orchestra.

- LEADER: PAVEL ROTARU -
- VIOLINS I: HASMIK SARGSYAN, GEORGE HADJIGEORGIU, SPYROS SPYROU
- VIOLINS II: MARIANNA DONCHEVA, IRENE LEONI, NICOLAS PAPAGEORGIOUS
- VIOLAS: NIKOLAS EFTHYMIU, TEFKROS XYDAS, VALENTINA VALOVA
- CELLOS: BRICE CATHERIN, CORINA VASSILIOU
- BASS: ELEANA ANDREOU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpjdpWu-vEY>