

# *Olympic Tango*

## **Juan María Solare (piano)**

Guests: Bianca Vrcan + Joe Hudson (dance)

**Bolívar Hall**  
54 Grafton Way, W1T 5DL LONDON, UK  
*The Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela*

Wednesday, 25th July 2012 at 7.30 pm  
Admission: free

Carlos Gardel: El día que me quieras

Vicente Greco: Rodríguez Peña

Astor Piazzolla: Chiquilin de Bachín

Juan María Solare:

**Berlinesa**

**Tengo un tango**

Carlos Gardel: Por una cabeza

Ernesto Ponzio: Don Juan

Bianca Vrcan: Tango for London

*special guests: dance couple "Bianca and Joe"*

Eduardo Arolas: La cachila

Vicente Greco: La Viruta

\* intermission \*

Carlos Gardel:

**Volver**

**Mi Buenos Aires querido**

Miniature tangos from the project "*Fifteen Minutes of Fame - 15 tangos for Juan Solare*"  
(initiated by the society *Vox Novus* - New York)

Luis Menacho: Y se fue por el camino de los cipreses

José Hernán Cibils: Tango del minuto

David Wolfson: Cabeceo

Micky Landau: Tango-lá

Bob Siebert: Today and Tomorrow

Moxi Beidenegl: Sin-Con ciencia

Leonard Mark Lewis: Tango Triste

Douglas DaSilva: Expulsado de la milonga

Rodrigo Baggio: Daydreams Of Gardel On The Orbits Of Saturn

Daniel Arnold: Napoleon's Tango

Angel Greco: Naípe marcado

Francisco Lomuto: La canción del deporte

Juan María Solare:

**Rio Blanco**

**Batime la justa**

**Un pana legal**

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A piano recital with Tango Music both from the very beginnings (Gardel, Greco, Arolas) through Astor Piazzolla up to the 21st century: *oldies and rarities* in perfect balance. The Argentine pianist & composer Juan Maria Solare -welcomed guest at the Bolivar Hall- lives in Germany and teaches at the University Bremen. As a special surprise for two pieces: the tango dance-couple Bianca Vrcan + Joe Hudson. Entertainment guaranteed or money back (admission: free).

With a stress on traditional tango music (featuring composers such as Piazzolla, Gardel and Villoldo), the recital '*Olympic Tango*' (an up-beat to the Summer Olympics) also presents contemporary 1-minute tangos of the 21st century by European, North- or Latin American composers - and by Solare himself. This recital includes several pieces of the album that Solare is editing for Ricordi Munich: *Tangos of the Old Guard*. Argentinian composer and pianist Juan María Solare (Buenos Aires, 1966) has lived in Germany since 1993. In Bremen, he teaches tango at the University and composition at the *Hochschule für Künste*.

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- "*A full-blooded musician*" Hans-Joachim Brandt, Wümme Zeitung, Lilienthal, Germany, 13th September 2008)

- "*I like the pianist Solare when he plays old tangos. I like the composer Solare when he composes new tangos.*" Ricardo Bruno (June 2012).

- "*Juan Maria Solare is a virtuoso Pianist - and he is a greater Composer. [His music] transcends its Tango-origin (the way only Piazzolla knew how to, and now Solare) to acquire a rare universality.*" Hovhanness I. Pilikian (12th March 2009).

- "*Music is his mother tongue*" Donata Holz, Wümme-Zeitung (Lilienthal, Germany) 5th January 2002.

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Bianca Vrcan has been dancing, teaching and choreographing Argentine Tango for last 16 years during which time she founded her London based Tango school, *Rojo Y Negro*, symbolising colours of Tango.

During her long Tango career, she has collaborated with many world famous Tango dancers and explored the full range of Tango styles and in the process got full insight into Tango dance and created her own teaching method, widely recognised.

Having also studied other dance forms for many years, Bianca chose Tango as her preferred form of expression and a powerful form of communication between 2 people, where the dialogue can be incredibly subtle or extremely dramatic but always unique and in the moment.

Bianca has always been interested in all aspects of Tango and has created a unique Tango event dedicated to *Tango Arts* happening annually, already in the 5th year. This is the festival of *Tango Arts - Tango Rojo*, [www.tangorojo.eu](http://www.tangorojo.eu) (next one is 16-20 May 2013)

For details about the Tango classes and events in central London, please go to: [www.rojoynegroclub.com](http://www.rojoynegroclub.com) and join the mailing list.

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The figure of the pianist and composer as an inseparable unity -as a centaur- has a long tradition both in classical and popular music, from Franz Liszt to Bill Evans. The Argentinian composer and pianist Juan María Solare (Buenos Aires, 1966) has lived in Germany since 1993. He has played -as soloist and within diverse chamber music groups- in Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Munich, Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Graz, Geneva, Buenos Aires, etc.

He conducts the *Orquesta No Típica*, the tango music ensemble of the University of Bremen (Bremen being therefore one of the very few European cities where tango music is taught at University level). At the *Hochschule für Künste* (College of the Arts) in Bremen he teaches composition and arrangement.

In 2006 he edited the album *Arte del Tango* with pieces by 15 contemporary Argentinian composers, that was published by Ricordi of Munich. In 2010 appeared in the same publishing house the album *Tangos a cuatro manos (Tangos for four hands)* and one monographic album with works by Saúl Cosentino (*Retrospective*). In preparation is a fourth album with tangos of the *Old Guard* for piano solo (most of them will be presented at today's concert).

He took part three times at the *World Tango Summit* (Seville 2005, Bariloche 2009 and Seinäjoki -Finland- 2011). His repertory has two main centers: classical music of our time and tango argentino, with his own pieces in both categories. His pieces -more than 300- have been performed in five continents (but not yet in Antarctica). Ten CDs of various independent performers also include at least one work by Solare.

Additional information: [www.JuanMariaSolare.com](http://www.JuanMariaSolare.com)

Videos of a previous recitals of Juan Maria Solare:

\* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqhkbJ8l6Vc> (*Tango Monologues*)

\* <http://youtu.be/EmzrN9qvufQ> (*Beyond Tango*)

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Joe Hudson (from Southampton) dances mainly modern style of Tango, influenced by the many teachers he has studied the dance with, while travelling across Europe. Other influences include his background in the martial art of Jiu Jitsu, and experience in the modern dance form of *Contact Improvisation*. "I've not yet discovered a more beautiful and expressive way for two people to connect through dance as in tango".