

# Sight & Sound

## *MEDIO SIGLO*

### A tribute to the art and sound of José L. Romanillos

Antigoni Goni is one of the most esteemed classical guitarists in the world. Antigoni's most recent project, *Medio Siglo*, pays homage to her dear friend and legendary luthier José Romanillos, who passed away on February 11th, 2022.

The project was conceptualized in 2017 on the occasion of José's 85th birthday and was to be presented to him on his 90th birthday. Though José did not live to receive the gift, he selected the music to be recorded that meant the most to him.

Antigoni and her Volterra Project Trio partners Luca Isolani, and Maarten Vandenbenden recorded this beautiful tribute, playing the last four guitars José built, which each were named. The recording *Medio Siglo* (half a century) takes its name from the guitar built to honor José's 50-year marriage to his wife, Marian.

The virtuoso playing of Antigoni, Luca, and Maarten encompasses passion, beautiful tonal and dynamic range, excellent phrasing, precise rhythmic articulation, and overall musicality displayed only by world-class musicians.

The legacy of José Romanillos and the music of Spanish composers Enrique Granados, Francisco Tarrega, and Miguel Llobet is well represented.

<https://www.medio-siglo.com/>



### Jim "Kimo" West *of Wood and Spirit* *American Guitar Stories*



Jim "Kimo" West is regarded as one of the world's foremost "Hawaiian "slack key" guitar artists. His music has garnered over seventy-five million spins on streaming services. He is a 2021 Grammy Winner for his recent CD, *More Guitar Stories*, and a 2019 Grammy nominee for *Moku Maluhia - Peaceful Island*. He is also a 2008 winner of the Hawaii Music Awards and a two-time winner of the LA Treasures