## **Guy Manoukian**

Lebanese Armenian musician, composer and pianist, Guy Manoukian has been a key musical player both locally and internationally for the last 30 years. Not only has he worked with the biggest names in the US, but his fusion of oriental melodies with modern arrangements has taken him all over the world, selling out concerts in London, Singapore, Cairo, Dubai Opera House, Kuwait, Mexico, Chile, Abu Dhabi, Monaco, Los Angeles, Yerevan the Sydney Opera House, The Beiteddine and Byblos International festivals, The London Palladium, The Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens, Greece, The Historical Olympia Hall in Paris and many more.





Guy Manoukian started playing piano at the age of four. Mentored by the best classical music teachers, he first appeared on television when he was six years old and was only seven when he performed at the presidential Palace! He started composing music a year later, winning his first competition.

While attending elementary school, Guy also joined a music school where he participated in concerts. Though his original dream was to become a professional basketball player, Guy was dedicated to his craft, and at 16, he played his first solo concert. Expecting 400 people, he was surprised to find the venue packed with over 1000 attendees. This first taste of success made him realize that music was truly his calling. Little did he know then, that he'd later be the first artist from the Middle East to get endorsed by Yamaha pianos and be their brand ambassador!, today Guy represents International brands like Maserati and many more.

He started performing professionally in 1997: now in his early twenties, he played at the Jeita grotto followed by two sold-out concerts at the UNESCO palace. The turning point in Manoukian's career came when he started fusing Arabic with modern contemporary arrangements. He attributes the unique flavor of his music to his rich culture. "Armenian culture was at the core of my existence and hence my music", he says. "My music is modern in arrangement but very classical in spirit; my albums which are studio recorded are very club oriented whereas my performances are live and directed for a broader audience."

Guy is the recipient of many awards but the ones he cherishes the most are the Armenian Music Award that he received in Los Angeles for Best Dance Album, and the Best Arabic Tune of the Year Award for "Harem" which he earned in Lebanon in 2002 in addition to the Best Dance Album at the Arabian Music Awards held in Dubai in 2003.

Performing all over the globe, from Chile to Sydney, Manoukian still finds time to work with the biggest pop acts: he recorded "On Tour" with Wyclef Jean, worked with 50 Cent, French rapper Diams, Raul Di Blasio and the Gipsy Kings.

In 2019 he performed a sold out concert at the world renowned Greek National Opera (The Stavros Niarchos) followed by 7 sold out concerts in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 at the spectacular Dubai Opera in addition to a sold out concert at the magnificent Pallas Theater Athens in April 2022 and a sold out concerts at the world renowned Olympia Paris in 2022 and 2023 in addition to a sold out concert at Her Majesty's Theatre in London.

In 2021 he was one of the key elements in creating which is now the world renowned The Theater in Dubai.