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The prolific songwriter and guitar virtuoso

Guinga

performed with the LA Philharmonic at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The essence of Guinga's warm, intimate personality as a musician makes you feel he is playing just for you in his living room or a local bar in Rio. After Guinga's singing of "Senhorinha" conductor **Vince Mendoza** extended his hand



to Guinga and Guinga, instead of shaking it, kissed it. In turn Vince did the same. The audience shared this humble moment of heartfelt generosity and appreciation between great musical talents. Special guest **Ivan Lins** enhanced the evening with his signature voice in "Começar de novo."

LA's premier jazz critic **Don Heckman** was also present and raved about the concert (guinga.com).



Hairstylist/artist at the Byu-ti Salon in Santa Monica, **Luciana Mazieiro** proves that your look can influence self esteem. Using her unique concept of Visagism she helps reveal one's inner self with harmony and esthetics. Thus creating major transformations for her clients, so they experience beauty and attract love and success previously unattainable. (byu-ti.com)

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Mano Melo, (<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=vjmrs>) one of Brazil's great poets, actor and performing artist, recently, published his first novel, "Viagens e Amores de Scaramouche Araújo," about a Brazilian man's ten year adventure traveling the world in the "crazy seventies". He can be seen performing his poem Madonna at Youtube. The poem is a joke about who made love to Madonna when she was in Brazil. Included is a musical version by singer **Ana Carolina** in her new CD. I met Mano in Rio several years ago and when I saw him perform the audience always gave him a standing ovation. Revered and loved for his poetry and spirit, Mano's life like performance style makes him a giant in his field.



Highlights at the Italian Film institute: **Dina Morrone** superbly performed her funny, sad and compelling one woman show to a full house (dinamorrone.com). Special guests included Italian Counsel **Diego Brasioli**, **Brigitte Nielsen**, **Filippo Voltgio**, **Gerald Saldo**. The screening of My Father, an Italian

film production shot in Brazil with **Charles Helston** was well received. A packed audience loved, laughed and applauded **Francesco Quinn's** new documentary Life on a Byke.

After nearly four decades of extraordinary performances, Brazilian Jazz Queen **Flora Purim** is launching her new website (florapurim.com), with her complete discography, personal stories, CD reviews, and much more. Her latest album, Flora's Song, acclaimed by critics and fans can be found in CDs stores or through the internet.

