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**Q) How long have you composed, and what made you decide to become a composer?**

A) I started classical guitar lessons at the age of 12. Soon after I started to compose, probably because it was easier for me to make my own songs than to merely imitate others. I wouldn't say I decided, it was something natural that I didn't think about at all.

**Q) What inspires you?**

A) Every sound.

**Q) Of all you have done, what do you consider your best work, and why?**

A) Usually, I feel more comfortable with my most recent pieces. They get closer to an absolute personal and original musical thought and expression.

**Q) What is your 'typical day' like?**

A) Well, the target is to compose all day long but some times I go out to teach, shop, eat, meet, etc.

**Q) Do you have any words of wisdom to offer to aspiring composers and musicians?**

A) Composition is like a sieve, the thinner the better, until only one grain remains; yours.

