



Wirt Ghawdex & St Joseph Band (Għajnsielem)



will be celebrating the

Feast of Santa Cecilia

22 - 25 November 2012



Santa Cecilia Feast

Weekend celebrations

Thursday, 22 November 2012

17:00—18:30 Santa Cecilia chapel - open for viewing

19:00—19:30 Mass

19:35—19:45 Short speech - The life of St Cecilia

by Dr Joe Zammit Ciantar, PRO Wirt Ghawdex

Friday, 23 November 2012

18:30—19:45 Santa Cecilia chapel - Harp concert by Jacob Portelli

Saturday, 24 November 2012

10:30—14:00 Santa Cecilia chapel - open for viewing

Sunday, 25 November 2012

10:00 Mass at Għajnsielem parish church followed by a band march from the church to Għajnsielem Band Club by St Joseph Band as part of the Għaqda Banded Għawdxin annual festivities.

Harp Concert by Jacob Portelli – Programme

(including short speeches about St Cecilia)

Introduction

First part

<i>Deborah Conant</i>	<i>Nataliana</i>	<i>5 mins</i>
<i>Mozart</i>	<i>Variations sur un theme</i>	<i>7 mins</i>
<i>Nadermann</i>	<i>Sonata in C minor</i>	<i>8 mins</i>

Speech : Life of St Cecilia - Dr Joe Zammit Ciantar, PRO Wirt Ghawdex 10 mins

Second part

<i>Deborah Conant</i>	<i>Nightingale</i>	<i>6 mins</i>
<i>John Thomas</i>	<i>The minstrel's adieu to his native land</i>	<i>6 mins</i>
<i>Nadermann</i>	<i>Sonata in B major</i>	<i>5 mins</i>

Spirituality of St Cecilia and it's relevance to today's life - Jacob Portelli 10 mins

Jacob Portelli studied violin at the School of Music in Gozo with Joachim Atanasov, and cello with Simon Abdilla Joslin. Later he also took up the double bass then the viola, studying with Guido Mamo,



successfully obtaining a Dip.ABRSM. He is currently preparing for his LRSM in violin with Mario Bisazza. His fascination with music has also led him to explore a somewhat unusual instrument – the psalter-bowed and plucked. Jacob also plays the harp, both the Celtic and the Concert Grand Pedal Harp. He is the proud owner of two high quality instruments manufactured in Piasco, Italy, from the world renowned Harp Manufacturers - Salvi. He is in high demand for Harp performances in the Maltese Islands. Jacob is also a graduate in Theology, obtaining a BA (Theo) Hons in 2006, followed by a PGCE. He has launched a CD of meditative music by the name of *Palestrings*, featuring choral Renaissance music adapted to strings. He regularly plays with different ensembles including the St James Consort, which is a baroque string ensemble which performs music from the great Baroque masters, on any instrument. Jacob is

also a string teacher and the founder of the Arco String ensemble, based also in Gozo