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GUO YUE ♦ RENZO SPITERI ♦ BEN MURRAY
(CHINA / MALTA / UNITED KINGDOM)

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Albert-G. Storace, St Julian's.

Allow me to express my congratulations to our leading percussionist Renzo Spiteri for yet again providing a marvellous cross-cultural event at the Manoel Theatre. This, of course, would not have been possible without the co-operation of British musician Ben Murray (vocals, piano, accordion) and Chinese flautist Guo Ye.

Perhaps to the uninitiated the most unusual and certainly exotic was the latter musician with his array of different types of Chinese traditional flutes. These included a rare and incredibly beautiful-sounding pure, white, jade flute.

The three performers, each with his own engaging and interesting personality, managed to offer a blend of individualism and cross-cultural cohesion. How true it is that music and its magic brings peoples of diverse cultures together and that it is a supremely positive unifying, humane force. With musicians of this calibre this could not be better proved and expressed. May there be more such events.

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