SOLAR

Brazilian acoustic world fusion



João Lobato — lead artist, multi-instrumentalist
Featuring Ivan Mucavel — mbira, vocals and light percussion

An acoustic journey through Afro-Brazilian, Indian, Persian and Southern African musical traditions.

THE MUSIC

A journey through inner and outer worlds

Founded in Brazil by multi-instrumentalists João Lobato and Thiago Zíngaro, Solar is an original acoustic world-fusion project led in performance by João Lobato. Through string instruments, percussion and improvisation, Solar explores musical connections across Afro-Brazilian, Indian, Persian and Southern African traditions.

João moves between sitar, tabla, sutar, berimbau, saz and Persian-tuned acoustic guitar. In the Southern African live configuration he is accompanied by Mozambican mbira master Ivan Mucavel, whose mbira, vocals and light percussion complement João's compositions and instrumental explorations.

The result is a flexible, intimate acoustic performance with contrasting rhythmic textures, contemplative passages and energetic musical exchanges.

The musicians' wider experience includes jazz ensembles, berimbau orchestras, carnival groups, traditional instrumental ensembles and rock bands, with performances in Brazil, England, Scotland and Mozambique.

THE ALBUM

ONO — available now

Solar's recently released album ONO was developed with Mozambican musicians, extending the project's musical dialogue between Brazil and Southern Africa.

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RECENT CONCERTS

August 2026 — Guest performance, Centro Cultural Franco-Moçambicano, Maputo
19 September 2026 — Headline performance, Transcenda Festival, Marracuene
7 November 2026 — Jupiter, Mozambique
13 November 2026 — ONO album launch, Instituto Guimarães Rosa, Maputo

LIVE / BOOKING



Festival performance

Lead: João Lobato — sitar, tabla, sutar, berimbau, saz, Persian-tuned acoustic guitar.
Supporting musician: Ivan Mucavel — mbira, vocals, light percussion.
Format: compact acoustic ensemble, two musicians. Set duration and technical rider available on request.

International travel can be self-funded; performance fees, local accommodation and production arrangements are discussed with organisers.

WATCH & CONNECT

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Live footage available: Centro Cultural Franco-Moçambicano (August 2026) and Transcenda Festival (September 2026). Public video links can be supplied on request.

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