

Flamenco
The fire is here

“Flamenco for some is a fire that burns within the soul, for others, it is an exhilarating dip into another reality”

Flamenco de la Mision

Canadian Concert Tour 2003

This is the third year that Flamenco de la Mision will be performing in Calgary. This will be their first performance in Canmore, and Edmonton. Flamenco de la Mision's popularity grows after each and every show. The group's core consists of Cristo Cortes, Manuel Gutierrez, Ricardo Diaz. Each tour brings special guest artists.

Flamenco de la Mision delivers flamenco in its purest form to the audience. The singers, Cristo Cortes and Jose Cortes capture the raw emotions of all of us and brings it to the surface. Manuel and Sabrina take that emotion and turn it into the fire that is the dance. Behind all this is the pulse of the guitar and hand clapping. Together, Flamenco de la Mision brings audiences to the **Gypsy Caves of Granada Spain.**

The artists

Cristo Cortes

was born in Marseille, France. Cristo is of Gypsy origin from the province of Almeria, Spain. He started performing at the age of six at gypsy weddings and “juergas”(parties). Cristo began his professional career in 1991 in Montreal, Canada with the group “Alma de Noche” and went onto a very successful career touring the US, Mexico and Europe. Cristo has performed and toured with Carmen Linares, Andres Marin, Juana Amaya and Juan Andres Maya. He has performed in the world's most renowned tablaos (flamenco clubs) in Madrid, Seville, Tokyo and Barcelona. Cristo is a charismatic singer. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing him are sure to understand the beauty and complexity of the Flamenco art form. Cristo Cortes, toured Switzerland and Greece with renowned guitarist Antonio "El Negro". Cristo will be on tour with Andres Marin, October 2002

Manuel Gutierrez

was born in 1983 in Montpellier, France. His origins are from Cordoba, Spain. Manuel started his Flamenco studies at the age of seven, learning from Jose Galvan and Lita Peiro. He continued studying with Rafael del Carmen, Rafael Campayo, Antonio el Pipa, Beatriz Martin and Javier La Torre. Manuel has danced in Vicente Amigo's concert in Lyon, France and the most important tablaos and festivals in France and Europe. He is a member of Juan Carlo's Principal group with

"Sendero Flamenco" and toured Europe with Luis de la Carrasca's company. He has toured with Alejandro Granados, Cristo Cortes and Ricardo Diaz in the U.S. and Canada and has just completed a tour in Switzerland and Germany. Manuel will be the guest dancer on the Andres Marin tour October 2002.

Ricardo Diaz

started his flamenco studies in San Francisco under the direction of Jorge Liceaga. He studied extensively in Madrid, Spain with "El Entrí", Juan Antonio Suarez "Canito" and Paco Jarana. Ricardo performed with Carola Zertuche and her Company for the presentation of "Yerma" at the San Francisco Ethnic Festival and continues to work with different artist in the United States. Ricardo was invited to perform in Beijing, China in 1999 and has also performed in Hawaii with the group Arte y Compas. Ricardo was invited to tour with the group Los Flamencos in the II Festival of Cante Flamenco in Grenoble, France. He performed for a renown Andalucian, painter Francisco Arjona in Madrid. Ricardo just concluded a Tour in the U.S. Canada and Europe with Alejandro Granados, Manuel Gutierrez and Cristo Cortes. Ricardo Diaz just completed a tour in Argentina with Laura and Mariano Manzella , Pamela an "El Jefe" in Chile.. Ricardo will be touring with Andres Marin

Special Guest Artists

Sabrina Romero

Started her flamenco caree in the Festival Circuit of France, in the cities of Avignon, Lyons, Ri Orangis, Mont De Marsan, Pau, and D'ales. In 1994 she wins the first Prize in the Concurso International de Flamenco in Nimes, France.

She opens concerts for Paco de Lucia, Manuela carrasco, Israel Galvan, Carmen Linares and Jose Romero. She tours Europe and also appears on T.V. in Spain , Holland, and France. She continues her flamenco studies with Eva la Yerbabuena and Juana Amaya. Sabrina has collaborated with the following companies as a singer and Percussionist; Rafael del Carmen, Beatriz Martin, Rafaela Carrasco and alejandro Granados. She participates in the Bienal de Sevilla 2000 and 2002. And in the festival de Grandada with Javier Latorre.

Jose Cortes

Jose Cortes is a descendant of the Cortes families of Almeria Spain, a family of Gypsy Cantaores in the South of France. His artistic career starts in Jerez de la Frontera, (a very important town in Flamenco) At the early age of 13 he travels with the Carmona family touring the fairs of Ales,

Nimes and continues working and traveling in Andalucia(Southern Spain). His inspiration comes from the greatest Flamenco singer of all times **Cameron de La Isla** and guitarists such as **Moraito** and **Tomatito**. Jose Cortes becomes part of Javier Cerezo's "Instante Flamenco" and also tours the world with the group of Chico Castillo where they record an album in Madrid, Spain. He is from the south of France the ancestral land of Gypsy's and loves flamenco Puro. His favorite flamenco style is the Solea.

Show Dates and Venues

March 3 2003 Festival Place Edmonton Alberta
8pm Concert - tickets \$30 advance \$35 at door
General Seating

March 5 2003 Canmore Collegiate Canmore Alberta
7:30 pm Concert tickets \$30 advance \$35 at door
General Seating

March 7 2003 Thorncliffe Community Centre Calgary
Cabaret

Old World Spain meets New World Spain
MARCH 8, 2003
featuring direct from Spain

FLAMENCO DE LA MISION
with
Cristo Cortes (singer)
Manuel Gutierrez (dancer)
Jose Cortes (singer)
Sabrina Romero (dancer)
Ricardo Diaz (guitar)

Special appearance by
Calgary's own Joselina de Leon

also a special opening show featuring
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away to Latin music

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