

The University Musical Society



The University of Michigan

Presents

Carlos Montoya

Flamenco Guitarist

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6, 1973, AT 8:30
RACKHAM AUDITORIUM, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

PROGRAM

Alegrias

The dance of Alegrias is at the heart of every Cuadro Flamenco. Here we have it in its most authentic form with all the components.

Garrotin

A change of pace in the old-time Cuadro Flamenco, this light rhythm was made famous by Gabriela la Fea—"ugly Gabriela."

Jaleo

"Jaleo" means literally, excitement; it is also the name for one of the Andalusian Gypsies' dance rhythms.

Tarantas

One of the many "Cantes de Levante" in dark tonal colors, it is based upon very old Gypsy melodies brought to new life by Montoya.

Segurirya y Solea por Medio

This is the "Cante Jondo" or deep song. These two rhythms are truly the matrix of Flamenco, from which many other songs, such as "Serranas" and "La Cana" derive.

Fandango

Here we have a different facet of Flamenco music: the Flamenco song from Andalusia, not bound by the strict rhythm of the dance.

INTERMISSION

Tientos

You really have to be a Gypsy to give this early dance its style . . . that intangible something you can't learn, with the very popular Gypsy rhythm of the Tango Gitano from Cadiz.

Cafe de Chinitas

There was a song collected by Garcia-Lorca, describing the goings-on in this famous cafe in Malaga. This little gem is based on the song, in Peteneras rhythm.

Soleares

When the Spanish Gypsies gather for music they play many Soleares. This has a characteristic rhythm, but the variations are improvised by the guitarist.

Zambras

Of all Spanish music, this shows the strongest Moorish influence. The dancing girl's tambourines are imitated on the guitar. One can still hear the Zambras in the Sacromonte or Gypsy Quarter of Granada.

Granaina

One of the most beautiful Flamenco forms, it evokes romantic memories of the famed Alhambra Moorish Castle in Granada.

Malaga

A beautiful song from the province of Malaga, a traditional Malaguena, not to be confused with the famous composition by the same name.

I N T E R M I S S I O N

La Rosa

The forerunner of the more modern dance rhythm "Alegrias," Montoya's own highly-syncopated variation on an old theme.

Guajiras

This dates back to the Spanish colonization of Cuba and is a rhythm with the syncopation of the Caribbean played in a Flamenco style.

Saeta

The story of the Holy Week procession in Sevilla, with the drums and cornets of the military band, the unaccompanied melody of a Flamenco singer; then we hear the procession moving off into the distance.

Cancion del Norte and Gaita Gallega

A touching little Celtic air by Tomas Rios, paired with Montoya's own "Gaita Gallega," an original creation based on the traditional bagpipe music of Galicia. You can almost hear the characteristic "drone" of the bagpipes.

Jota

The best loved folksong and dance of the province of Aragon, ending with some guitar fireworks.

NOTE: Flamenco music comes from the Spanish Gypsies. Until now there has been no written music for it. These are all Carlos Montoya's own arrangement of the old themes with his own compositions in typical Gypsy rhythm. Each of the great Gypsy guitarists add to the folklore of the race.

Records: RCA-Victor, ABC-Paramount and United Artists Records