

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**2018 VICTORIA FLAMENCO FESTIVAL ~ JULY 26 – 29, 2018**

Experience southern Spain at the **6th annual Victoria Flamenco Festival** on July 26-29 where artists from across North America perform bold and haunting rhythms through dance, song, guitar, percussion, and poetry. Enjoy FREE shows from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in Centennial Square, and from 1:30 to 3:20 p.m. on Friday at Beacon Hill Park's Cameron Bandshell. Buy tickets, while they last, for our three unique headliner evening events!

Thursday July 26: *Flamenco Guitar Night* features three of Victoria's virtuoso guitar soloists, Gareth Owen, Juan de Marias, Jake Lee, alongside guest guitarist Josue Tacoronte from México, and singer Jafelin Helten of Vancouver. The show begins at **8:00 p.m. at Hermann's Jazz Club.**

Friday July 27: *Dark Sounds* features a reading by visionary poet Jan Zwicky, whose poems, like flamenco, attend the darkest, clearest truths. She will read from recent work and perform a suite of poems with flamenco artists, to be followed by an on-stage interview. The show begins at **7:30 p.m. at Intrepid Theatre** on Blanshard.

Saturday July 28: Vancouver's flamenco troupe Calle Verde performs their show *liminal*, which explores that space between waking and dreaming, in collaboration with guest artist Pájaro Negro, an award-winning dancer from New York City. The show begins at **8:00 p.m. at Metro Studio Theatre.**

Flamenco artists from across North America will perform **FREE shows in Centennial Square from 12:00 – 1:00 on Friday, and approximately 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.** So bring a hat, a bottle of sunscreen, and your heartiest *jaleos* to applaud these inspired performers!

The Victoria Flamenco Festival is produced by the Flamenco de la Isla Society.

**ALL SHOWS IN CENTENNIAL SQUARE & THE CAMERON BANDSHELL ARE FREE.**

The Flamenco de la Isla Society is grateful to their sponsors:

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