

MEDIA RELEASE
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5th ANNUAL VICTORIA FLAMENCO FESTIVAL, JULY 24 – 30, 2017

Downtown Victoria will be bursting with the passion and rhythm of the Victoria Flamenco Festival from July 24 – 30. For the fifth year, audiences can enjoy flamenco shows of very high caliber in Centennial Square and other downtown locations.

Most shows are FREE, and they showcase many local dancers and musicians. Locals are joined by visiting artists from Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Nova Scotia, Tacoma and Port Angeles.

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

The wildly popular dance schools **Alma de España** and **Raino Dance** from Victoria, plus two new schools from Tacoma WA and Winnipeg Manitoba, will be performing in Centennial Square on Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30.

The second annual **Flamenco Guitar Night** is at Hermann's Jazz Club on **Friday, July 28; doors 6PM; show 8PM**. You will hear four local flamenco guitarists: Gareth Owen, Jake Lee, Juan de Marias and Esteban Figueroa, plus a cameo from Calgary protégé Harry Knight. Percussionist Davide Sampaolo and singer/dancer Gwyneth "la Chispa" McIntosh will add rhythm and spice to the evening!

Carmen Romero of Toronto is bringing her show "Y ENTONCES" to the Metro Theatre on **Saturday, July 29; doors 7PM; show 8PM**. This production showcases Carmen's unique improvisational dance, and the accompaniment of jazz pianist Scott Metcalfe, singers Stephanie Pedraza and Juan de Marias, and guitarist Gareth Owen.

The **Flamenco de la Isla Society** is grateful to their sponsors: **BC Arts Council (Province of BC), City of Victoria, CRD, Thrifty's Foods** and many local businesses and individuals.

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