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Desde Sevilla Flamenco Dance Company presents

## **ESENCIA del FLAMENCO**

featuring *The Cry of Spain*

Desde Sevilla Flamenco Dance Company returns to Circa Two 31 January to 5 February 2012 with a powerful new show **Esencia del Flamenco** (Essence of Flamenco), featuring the virtuoso flamenco guitarist and singer duo Paul Bosauder and Cristina Lopez Gomez from Barcelona. For Wellington's much-acclaimed flamenco group to be collaborating with and performing on equal terms with professional international artists indeed attests to the quality of dance and musicianship existing locally.

**Esencia del Flamenco**, as the title promises, captures the essence of flamenco – the haunting song (cante), the intense expression of human emotions and the mesmeric rhythms of guitarists, dancers and percussionists. In the first half of the show, the evocative dance drama *The Cry of Spain* uses all of these elements to depict the anguish of the Spanish Civil War. The second half showcases Paul and Cristina as they perform on their own and with the company, elaborating on the electrifying synergy that exists between flamenco singers, musicians and dancers.

This is the first time Desde Sevilla Flamenco Dance Company has performed in Wellington with a professional singer. Flamenco singing is one of those rare talents that defies imitation; it seems to live in the gypsy blood and is generally learnt by osmosis or from a lifetime's apprenticeship. Born in Tarragona, Cristina became interested in flamenco cante at a young age. She went on to perform extensively in Granada and Barcelona and continues to study her art as she completes an honours degree in performing arts, specialising in cante flamenco at the Escuela Superior de Musica de Catalunya (Barcelona).

Also completing his honours degree in performing arts at this university, Paul is working as a flamenco guitarist in Barcelona. Of Lebanese origin and raised in New Zealand, his professional career as a musician has seen him tour and perform in Spain, France, Greece, Lebanon, UK, France, US and New Zealand.

Previous sell-out successes of **Desde Sevilla Flamenco Dance Company** include *Desde Sevilla* (1998), *Un Dos y Trés* (1999), *Un Dos Trés y Cuatro* (2000), *Viva Flamenco* (2000), *Flamenco the Fire of Spain* (2000), *Flamenco Fiesta with Antonia Vargas* (2000), *The House of Bernarda Alba* (2001), *Encuentros Flamencos* (2002), *Flamenco Mosaic* (2004), *The Cry of Spain* (2006), *Espíritu Flamenco* (2009), *Flamenco Puro* (2010) and *Fiesta Flamenca* (2010).

**DATES:** 31 January to 5 February 2012  
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