

## **Flamenco Fantasy Dance Theatre**

The Flamenco Fantasy Dance Theatre is the premier Flamenco dance company in the region. Featuring eight very talented dancers, multiple guitarists, a percussionist, and Artistic Director René Heredia on lead guitar, the company performs regularly throughout the Front Range of Colorado and across the region.

The roots of the company date back to 1968 when Maestro Heredia opened his Denver Center for Guitar and Dance. Gathering guitar and dance students from all over the state, he formed the Flamenco Fantasy Dance Theatre in 1990. In 2005 the IRS recognized the Flamenco Fantasy Dance Theatre as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the pure Spanish gypsy and Andalusian art of flamenco.

Maestro René Heredia is a direct descendant of the gitano flamenco puro tradition as passed down to him by generations of his gypsy family and the many talented family friends who shared their knowledge around the Heredia kitchen table.

As a performer, teacher, choreographer, mentor, and recording artist, René Heredia is credited with bringing flamenco to Colorado and has received numerous awards, including the Governor's and Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.