

# Noche Flamenca

## Quick Facts

- Noche Flamenca was founded in Madrid in 1993 by artistic director Martín Santangelo and his wife Soledad Barrio.
- Winner Lucille Lortel Award for Special Theatrical Performance 2003.
- Touring the globe for over 11 years.
- Soledad has won awards from over 12 different countries around the globe for her excellence in dance.
- Noche Flamenca's goal since its inception has been to maintain the essence, purity and integrity of one of the world's most complex and mysterious art forms without the use of tricks or gimmicks.

## Company History

Under the direction of Martin Santangelo, the award-winning Noche Flamenca has become Spain's most successful touring company. Formed in 1993 by Santangelo and his Bessie award-winning wife, Soledad Barrio, the company regularly tours throughout the globe. Performance highlights in North America include Berkeley's Cal Performances, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, the Ravinia Festival, the American Dance Festival, Wolf Trap, and the Hollywood Bowl, among others. Internationally, the company has appeared on stages in Australia, New Zealand, Greece, and Egypt, among other countries. With annual seasons in New York City and Buenos Aires, and return engagements at theaters around the world, the company has a dedicated global audience. Hailed by critics everywhere for its transcendent and deeply emotional performances, Noche Flamenca is recognized as the most authentic flamenco touring company in the field today. Santangelo has successfully brought to the stage the essence, purity, and integrity of one of the world's most complex and mysterious art forms without the use of tricks or gimmicks. All aspects of flamenco; dance, song, and music, are interrelated and given equal weight in the presentations of Noche Flamenca, creating a true communal spirit within the company - the very heart and soul of flamenco. In support of its mission to educate and enlighten audiences about flamenco, the company offers extensive residency programs that reach out to people of all ages. With company members based in Spain, Noche Flamenca is a registered US not-for-profit with its office and representation based in New York City. Noche Flamenca's artistic integrity has been recognized with awards from the National Dance Project (2006) and the Lucille Lortel Award for Special theatrical Experience (2003), among others.

“Flamenco is a primal scream, an essential cry to express the joy, sorrow, comedy and tragedy of individuals and groups who are repressed by some form of limitation - social, economic, spiritual, physical, etc. In an attempt, through singing, playing and dancing, to free the soul from this oppression, we are impelled onto a tough but beautiful road full of miraculous human complexity. Flamenco is our vehicle,” exclaims Artistic Director, Santangelo.

## Mission Statement

The mission of Noche Flamenca is to create a diverse theatrical body of performance through song, music and dance that expresses a rigorous, spell-binding aesthetic in the form of flamenco; one that exceeds the highest artistic expectations. The company strives to captivate its audiences through its live performances and to evoke in them the vivid and expansive sea of passion and emotion that is flamenco. Through its educational outreach and residency programs, the company seeks to educate and enlighten persons of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds regarding the authentic form of flamenco - a form born of ancestral cultural repression and racial expulsion.

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