

# 'ConVivir: 7 Dances to A More Compassionate World'



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*ConVivir* is inspired by the *convivencia* (*coexistence*) period in Spanish history (711 CE to 1492 CE) when Jews, Christians and Muslims lived together in an atmosphere that was remarkable for its lack of religious strife.

Zorongo Founder and Artistic Director Susana di Palma will construct another of her trademark multi-disciplinary and multi-media spectacles, using contemporary Spanish flamenco guitar, singing and dance, as well as other forms of music and performance to evoke a broader range of emotions. Flamenco, Hip Hop, Sephardic and Arabic music and dance will fuse with poetry, legend, and present day culture to offer a compelling vision of the future. Zorongo will also offer outreach activities including a panel discussion with local faith leaders to discuss the pressing issues of interfaith cooperation and coexistence that this production raises.

ConVivir will feature an international cast, including:

- Amir-John Haddad, a Madrid-based flamenco guitarist who plays oud, bazouki, electric oud, electric guitar, banjo and more.
- Arcadio Marin, a composer and flamenco guitarist from Barcelona, who composed the music for the *Romeria* piece.
- José Salinas. From Alicante, José is a flamenco singer who has just released a hot new recording with Amir (see below).
- La Conja. From Sri Lanka, this flamenco singer and dancer also sings in Arabic
- Antonio Arrebola, a young contemporary flamenco dancer from Malaga, who wowed audiences on our fall tour and at our sold-out show at The Ritz

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Fri, April 04– Sun, April 06, 2014

#### Venue

The Cowles Center, 528 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403 View map Phone: 612-206-3636

### Admission

**Buy tickets**. Showtimes: April 4 and 5 at 8 pm, and April 6 at 2 pm.

## Credits

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Theater.

- David Jordan Harris, a singer and co-founder of Voices of Sepharad.
- Judith Brin Ingber, a contemporary and Jewish dancer and dance writer as well as co-founder of Voices of Sepharad.
- Craig Harris, a visual artist, composer and musician who will create projections and original music for the show.
- Candy Kuehn, an artist and costumer who will create the outfits worn by the cast.
- The Zorongo Dancers: Susana di Palma, Deborah Elias, Colette Illarde, Andrea Plevan, Laura Horn.

Listen to José Salinas/Amir-John Haddad's Tierra de Luz (Tangos).