

Transcendencia

Guitarist Holly Blazina creates an immersive world of beauty and sound that draws in music lovers and Flamenco aficionados alike. The notes emanating from her instrument disarm unsuspecting listeners as they are ushered into an ethereal experience that is exotic, evocative, buoyant and deeply nourishing.

When first exposed to Flamenco's passionate, soulful melodies and driving rhythms, Holly knew she had found her home musically. This quickly led to a lifelong commitment to the art of Flamenco. Holly regularly performs as a soloist, in traditional Flamenco ensembles, as well as with other musicians from the jazz, classical and world music genres, delighting and inspiring audiences wherever she plays.

Holly produces her own public and in-home concerts, and has built a sizable following of repeat private event clients. She was a featured guest for both the Calgary and Edmonton International Flamenco Festivals, and participates as an instructor and performer each year at Calgary's Classical Guitarfest West.

Holly has had the good fortune of studying intensively with renowned artists both in Spain and North America. Her upcoming recording, **Transcendencia**, received funding from the Canada Council for the Arts and FACTOR. It features her original compositions and will be released October 13, 2017.

The debut album from expert Flamenco guitarist, Holly Blazina, is a testament to modern influences combined with care and respect for the tradition. To maintain authenticity, Holly prepared for this album by immersing herself in the Flamenco culture and workshopping her original compositions with master Señor Paco Fernandez in Seville, Spain. The compositions and arrangements on **Transcendencia** explore the full expressive capacity of the nylon-stringed guitar while bringing in modern elements not traditionally found in Flamenco, such as saxophone, violin, piano and santur (Persian dulcimer). With palmas, percussion and vocals associated with the genre, **Transcendencia** brings Flamenco into the wider musical community to see it flourish.

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Holly's playing brought a high level of artistry and skill ... highlighting the high caliber of flamenco in Canada."

*Jane Ogilvie and Cat Moores,
Edmonton Flamenco Festival*

Holly Blazina



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Con la Corriente - Alegría 3:28
Transcendencia - Bulería 2:46
A La Guitarra - Abandolao 5:15
Mundo de Ensueño - Tango-Rumba 4:30
SOS - Tango-Rumba 7:23
A Sergio - Bulerías 4:39
Oblación - Guajira 5:35
Homenaje a Sabicas - Farruca 5:22
Invocación - Taranta 4:56

Robin Tufts, percussion
Celedonio Garrido-Santos, vocals
Stephanie Pedraza, vocals
Oliver Miguel, sax, percussion
Jonathan Lewis, violin
Amir Amiri, santur
Andréa Petritty, piano
Simon Fisk, bass
Carmen Romero, footwork
Palmas & Jaleos: Oliver, Cele, & Stephanie

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