

Tickets on Sale for NYC's Greatest Flamenco Tribute Ever Staged, The Paco de Lucia Legacy Festival: February 20-24, 2024

Artists Unite in Performance Including Al Di Meola, Rubén Blades, Chano Domínguez, Arturo O'Farrill, Diego 'El Cigala', Carmen Linares, Farruquito, and more.

NEW YORK, NY, USA, February 7, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- New York City is set to pay tribute to the legendary guitarist Paco de Lucía through a major festival from February 20 to 24, 2024. This momentous event, known as the Paco de Lucia Legacy Festival, will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the passing of the influential genius from Algeciras, whose profound impact has resonated with countless musicians worldwide.

The program will feature performers who once shared a personal connection with Paco de Lucía, such as Al Di Meola and Rubén Blades. They will be joined by some of today's most prominent flamenco creators, including Diego 'El Cigala', José Mercé, Carmen Linares, Rafael Riqueni, Niño Josele, and Farruquito. Additionally, musicians who once graced the stage with Paco de Lucía, such as Jorge Pardo, Antonio Serrano, Rubem Dantas, José María Bandera, Antonio Sánchez, Israel Suárez 'Piraña', Alain Pérez, and Carles Benavent, among others, will also captivate the audience with their exceptional performances.

These renowned artists will pay their tribute to the master, "demonstrating that flamenco can cross borders and mix with other styles such as classical, jazz or Latin American music, once again promoting the cultural richness that exists in the inherent diversity of flamenco," said the Festival's programmer, the Paco de Lucía Foundation.

February 20-24 in New York

A grand opening night at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan, scheduled for February 20, will mark the beginning of five intense days in which the composer of Solo Quiero Caminar ('I Only Want to Walk") and Entre Dos Aguas ("Between Two Waters") will be recognized as the guitar legend that he is, a unique creator who transcended the limits of flamenco to leave a universal legacy. Among the featured performers of the night are dancers Karime Amaya, Farru and Farruquito, guitars Al Di Meola, Josemi Carmona, Yerai Cortés, Antonio Rey, Rafael Riqueni, Niño Josele, J.M. Bandera and Pepe Habichuela, voices Rubén Blades, Diego 'El Cigala', Duquende, Chonchi Heredia, Salif Keita, Carmen Linares, José Mercé, Sílvia Pérez Cruz and Makarines, bassists Carles Benavent and Alain Pérez together with the double bass of Javier Colina, percussions Rubem

Dantas, Tino Di Geraldo and Israel Suárez 'Piraña', kora player Madou Diabaté, piano Chano Domínguez, flute Jorge Pardo, voice and cello Nesrine Belmokh and Antonio Serrano on harmonica.

On February 21st, three different acts around the city are making flamenco music shine when Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, along with Alex Conde, co-Musical Directors for the night will perform some of the maestro's most emblematic songs at the Symphony Space. The musician from Algeciras will be remembered in a two-set concert at Le Poisson Rouge with Jorge Pardo, Chano Dominguez, Javier Colina, and Silvia Pérez Cruz. Additional activities are programmed at Instituto Cervantes, which will host the presentation of César Suárez's book, "El Enigma Paco de Lucía," offering valuable insights into the enigmatic artist's life.

On February 22, the cajón master El Piraña and Makarines brothers will give a rhythm master class at KJCC-NYU, while the night is full of surprises at the Town Hall, where Flamenco Summit Meets New York, a peculiar performance of the unprecedented meeting between flamenco artists and leading major New York musicians. Flamenco, jazz, Latin, and African music, such as: Niño Josele, Rubén Blades, Josemi Carmona, Salif Keita, Antonio Rey, Richard Bona, Pepe Habichuela and a special guest artist -- putting on a spectacular performance never seen before. The event will include dancers Farruquito, Karime Amaya and Farru. The program includes Alain Pérez, Rafael Riqueni, Antonio Sánchez, and Silvia Pérez Cruz. This concert will transcend musical boundaries transforming Town Hall into a melting pot of sounds with a harmonious dialogue between different musical traditions

On February 23, the Instituto Cervantes will host Puro Flamenco, a recital starring Pepe Habichuela, Rafael Riqueni, and Carmen Linares and more.

The artistic direction of Paco de Lucia Legacy is by Julio Martí of Serious Fan Music, together with Farru and Israel Suárez "Piraña." The musical direction is by the Fundación Música Creativa, directed by Laura Poggio with the collaboration of Josemi Carmona, Antonio Serrano and Eduardo Murillo.

This festival in New York is the kick-off of an anniversary that will include other milestones, such as the release of a previously unreleased album by Paco de Lucía, a sound document of incalculable historical value.

The Paco de Lucia Legacy Festival is a testament to the enduring legacy of a musical genius and promises to be an unparalleled celebration of flamenco artistry. This extraordinary event will unite world-class musicians, pay homage to Paco de Lucía's profound influence, and showcase the vibrant talent of both established and emerging flamenco artists. "His creative talent, his execution and his capacity for continuous innovation are recognized, beyond flamenco, by the best guitarists and musicians on the planet. There are few figures so indisputable in music. Few artists with such an extensive and enduring career without criticism. His is a case of genius, in every sense, exceptional."

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of flamenco.

Note to Editors: All musicians, members of Paco de Lucia's Foundation, and César Suárez are available for interviews upon request.

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