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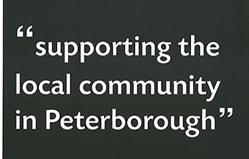
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Rafael and Friends are at the vanguard of flamenco music.

A quintet that includes musicians from all genres, the group aims to carry flamenco into the future, not only by experimenting with different harmonies and various musical cultures, but also by ensuring at the same time that flamenco remains true to its roots. After moving to England in the early '90s (though still with one foot in Spain), Rafael has been involved in many projects where he has had the opportunity to learn about other musical cultures, enriching his compositions and performances, just as flamenco began as a meeting of Iberian, Phoenician, Visigoth, Greek, and Arabic cultures.

The ensemble will be playing a variety of flamenco palos or styles, including Bulerias, Solea, Alegrias and Tangos. Fiery and passionate is the mood for the evening!



Rafael & Friends

Rafael has combined gypsy soul and energy with the earthiness of Andalusian chant to create a unique and modern direction for flamenco music, whilst remaining true to its Spanish gypsy roots which stretch back hundreds of years. Following a fine line between innovation and tradition, he has drawn on his experiences of performing in Spain, Britain, Egypt, Singapore, Qatar, France, Russia, Ireland, Italy, Cyprus and Thailand, where he has played with some of the greatest folk, jazz and classical musicians.

Rafael began to play the guiter at the age of nine in Madrid under the tuition of Luis Adame (one of the great Carmen Amaya's guitarists). He is now one of the leading guitarists of his generation and in Spain has performed with such distinguished artists as Juan Castro 'Pety' and Martin Vargas, former choreographer of the Ballet Nacional de España, and has toured extensively with Salpicao.

Over the years he has recorded a great deal of library music for television and radio. In recent years Rafael has collaborated with the Instituto Cervantes, which promotes Spanish culture abroad. Together with Tamara Rojo, principal dancer of the Royal Ballet, he participated in a press conference/lecture in London presenting Spanish artists in Britain. He has appeared on numerous radio and television broadcasts including Radio Nacional de España, BBC, ITV, Granada Television (with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra), and many other channels around the world, and has performed in the presence of Her Maiesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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