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## **Embrace the Spirit of Flamenco: A Free Cultural Extravaganza of Dance and Music at the Rotary Centre for the Arts**

**Kelowna, BC** – Prepare to be enchanted by the mesmerizing world of flamenco as the Flamenco Festival arrives at the Rotary Centre for the Arts on September 28th and 29th, 2023. Immerse yourself in the passionate art form, explore its rich cultural heritage, and experience the captivating rhythm of this unique dance and music style. This free two-day community event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of resilience, hope, and community through the art of flamenco.

"We couldn't be more excited to present the enchanting Flamenco Festival at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. This captivating showcase of culture, dance, and music guarantees an unforgettable experience for our community," says Colleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Director. "At the Rotary Centre for the Arts, we believe in the transformative power of the arts and its ability to bring people together. By hosting events like the Flamenco Festival and providing free access to such captivating performances, we aim to enrich the lives of community members and create an inclusive space for all to enjoy."

The festivities kick off on Thursday, September 28th, at 7:30 pm with an introductory Flamenco workshop at the Rotary Centre for Arts. This workshop welcomes participants of all levels and backgrounds to dive into the world of flamenco. Led by the talented and experienced dancer and choreographer, Jhoely Triana, the workshop will teach fundamental steps and concepts, including hand and arm movements, hand clapping, footwork, and the spirited flamenco shouts of encouragement, "Olé!" This is a golden opportunity for attendees to gain insights into flamenco's music and dance, fostering a deeper appreciation for this vibrant art form.

On Friday, September 29th, the Flamenco Festival presents "Flamenco in the Park: Arboles with Jhoely Triana" at the enchanting Rhapsody Plaza, situated near the Dolphins. The performance promises a site-responsive and soul-stirring experience, seamlessly blending the passion and grace of flamenco with contemporary themes of resilience, hope, and the power of unity.

Through the metaphor of trees, Jhoely Triana's expressive choreography aims to remind us of the significance of honouring our roots, finding strength in our past, and blossoming together as a community. Accompanied by the Toque (guitar) played by Peter Mole and the mesmerizing Cante (singing) of Maria Avila, Jhoely's performance will leave audiences spellbound.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit:

<https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/special-events/flamenco-festival/>

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### **About Jhoely Triana**

[Jhoely Triana](#), a Colombian-born flamenco dancer and choreographer, has graced stages across Vancouver and beyond with her captivating performances. Her journey in dance began at the prestigious Goh Ballet Academy, followed by a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Contemporary Dance from Simon Fraser University. Jhoely's passion for flamenco led her to study at Al Mozaico Flamenco and Rosario Flamenco. Throughout her career, she has presented her work at renowned events like the Victoria Flamenco Festival, Vancouver International Flamenco Festival, the Dance Centre, Vines Festival, New Works Summer Series, BC Culture Days, Evergreen Cultural Centre, and Presentation House's Ann MacDonald Studio. Jhoely's artistry emphasizes authenticity, emotion, and vulnerability, forging a deep connection with her audience.

### **About the Rotary Centre for the Arts**

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.