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The Flamenco Master– recognised among Spain’s musical elite, the raw gritty passion of true flamenco – DIEGO GUERRERO

Friday 6 January 2012 – Diego Guerrero is perhaps one of the only musicians to convincingly bridge the gap between those two Latin cousins Spanish Flamenco and Cuban Rumba with a dazzling hit of contemporary jazz, pop and classical music. The result is unlike anything else on the world music or jazz scene as singer, guitarist and producer **Diego Guerrero** looks beyond convention and history to create the passionate music with his fabulous sextet.

With his Spanish compadres of flamenco guitarist **José Fernández** and singer **Naike Ponce** is a skilled Cuban rhythm section of bassist **Dany Noel**, pianist **Ivan Bridón** and drummer **Kiki Ferrer** – and flamboyant percussionist **Nasrine Rahmani** (she’s an Australian with Mauritian and Persian heritage). As Diego el Cigala, the famous Flamenco singer once said to Guerrero ‘Your voice sounds like Ibrahim (Ferrer), but flamenco, I love it! And that girl is dangerous!’

Diego Guerrero, born in Andalusia and now living in Madrid, is recognised as a ground breaking young innovator, twisting strains of tango and copla, salsa and jazz into flamenco, yet remaining faithful to the purity of the music’s essence. As a teenager, Guerrero was taken in by the Gypsy minority where he grew up. By day he studied composition orchestral and jazz arrangement, and by night he became “Flamenco.”

‘Whether it’s cante jondo, bolero, copla, Argentinean tango or Afro-Cuban music, internationally praised flamenco guitarist/songwriter Diego Guerrero can do it all.’ *The Jerusalem Post*

‘Despite his youth, Guerrero’s voice is flecked with the grainy expressiveness that characterises authentic flamenco singing. The final number of the night – a fascinating Latin Flamenco hybrid that referenced John Coltrane’s *Resolution* before dissolving into a Cuban rumba.’ *The Age*

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday 10 March 2012

7.30pm, Elisabeth Murdoch Hall

Tickets – A reserve \$55, B reserve \$45

Book at melbournerecital.com.au or call the Box Office on 03 9699 3333

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