

# The Artists

## LIANA VARGAS

The impressive inter-national credentials of Teatro del Mundo's Artistic Director Liana Vargas includes performing as a flamenco soloist in Madrid and Mexico City.



In the U.K. Liana has performed at Covent Garden and Albert Hall. She's choreographed and danced

for the Royal Shakespeare Company at Sadlers Wells and presented workshops and performed in London's Dance Expo. Tours of the US included guest spots in Los Angeles El Cid flamenco tablao. She has worked extensively with friend and colleague Antonio Vargas (Strictly Ballroom) in his Flamenco Dance Theatre, touring Australia for major events such as the Victorian State Opera Carmen at the Melbourne Tennis Centre and Sydney's Entertainment Centre.

## CHRIS SHEPHERD



Co-Artistic Director of Teatro del Mundo versatile Victorian boy turned 'Whyze Guize' Chris Shepherd's choreographic credits and performances include Dancin' Man, David Atkins' Productions, West Side Story, opera productions for the South Australia Opera and re-stages for the Victorian Opera Company. He's toured with singer Renee Geyer, performed as Petroushka with the Australian Dance Theatre, directed plays for the S.A. Writers' Guild, and is the Artistic Director of Da Whyze Guize Jazz Dance Trio.

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## EL TITI DE ALGECIRAS

Guest flamenco singer, el Titi was born in Algeciras, Spain, into a gypsy family whose tradition was flamenco. Singing from an early age and growing up with Paco de Lucia as neighbour, the young Titi was offered work in Madrid tablaos such as La Corral del la Morera and won many awards



for his singing. Since settling in Australia, el Titi has been in great demand as the only authentic flamenco gypsy singer with numerous performances including the Victorian State Opera's "Carmen" and tours with Julio Iglesias and the Gypsy Kings.

## ALOYSIUS LEESON

Flamenco Guitarist Aloysius has been playing guitar for 17 years. After studying classical guitar at the Elder Conservatorium in 1992, he took up flamenco guitar, studied intensively in Spain with guitarists such as Tudela, Juan Junquera, Miguel Aragon and Gerardo Nunez. He has worked with flamenco artists including Liana Vargas & Veronica Vargas, singers Mari Olivares & El Titi de Algeciras in Adelaide and



dancers Javier Cruz & Maria Angeles in Seville. He recently released his second CD "Flamenco from the south".

**MIKE STEWART** Saxophonist

**SHAUN DODDY** Percussion

and Dancers **LUCINNA CHUA** and **ANNA OVANESYAN**

See web page for full bios of the Artists and Teatro del Mundo

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