



Enriching Alaskan Life for Nearly Half a Century

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Anchorage Opera's *Hot Spanish Nights* Opens Wednesday, March 25th

- What:** *Hot Spanish Nights* An evening of breathtaking Flamenco and Zarzuela
Where: Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
When: Wednesday, March 25 at 7pm; Friday, March 27 at 8pm; Saturday, March 28 at 8pm; and Sunday, March 29 at 4pm
Tickets: \$35 - \$105 available through CenterTix.net and 263-ARTS.
Youth/Senior and Student/Military discounts available through CenterTix.
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(Anchorage, Alaska – March 24, 2009) Anchorage Opera concludes its 2008-09 *Passions of Spain* season with *Hot Spanish Nights* which opens Wednesday, March 25th in the Discovery Theater. *Hot Spanish Nights* will feature a breathtaking performance by renowned flamenco dancer Omayra Amaya, passionate guitar and piano works, and highlights from Spain's most popular operetta, *La Tabernera del Puerto* (*The Tavern Girl of the Port*).

World renowned flamenco dancer **Omayra Amaya** will perform for the first time in Anchorage as part of AO's *Hot Spanish Nights*. Omayra's legacy is one of a deep and proud gypsy flamenco tradition. (<http://www.omayraamaya.com>) *Hot Spanish Nights* will also feature internationally acclaimed flamenco guitarist, Roberto Castellon, performing his fiery new works and leading concert pianist, Juliana Osinchuk performing the *Spanish Dances* of Enrique Granados.

Hot Spanish Nights will feature highlights from Spain's most popular operetta, Pablo Sorozabal's *La Tabernera del Puerto* (*The Tavern Girl of the Port*). Described as a 'nautical romance', *Tabernera* takes place in a fictional fishing port on the coast of Northern Spain that's unusually rich in shady characters and beautiful music. AO's concert presentation will feature *Tabernera's* most powerful selections. (<http://www.zarzuela.net/syn/taberna>)

Anchorage Opera (AO) is committed to educating the community about opera and reaching out to people who are new to the world of opera. There are several opportunities to learn more about *Hot Spanish Nights*. The AO website, www.anchorageopera.org, has a wide range of information on the opera and cast. And, *Before the Opera* is a 30-minute talk hosted by AO General Manager Torrie Allen that's filled with insights about the opera and answers to your questions. *Before the Opera* starts an hour before each performance.

Photo and interview opportunities are available; please contact Nancy or Torrie to schedule.

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ANCHORAGE OPERA

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Anchorage Opera presents

Hot Spanish Nights

Homage to Rodrigo

Roberto Castellon

Spanish Dances

Juliana Osinchuk

by Enrique Granados

Andaluza - Andantino quasi Allegretto

Orientale - Andante

Fandango - Energico

The Ballad of Granada

Omayra Amaya

joined by Roberto Castellon

Intermission

Highlights from *La Tabernera del Puerto*

(The Tavern Girl of the Port)

Spanish Operetta (Zarzuela)

Music by Pablo Sorozábal

Book by Federico Romero and Guillermo Fernández Shaw

Marola

Virginia Herrera-Crilly

Abel

Christine Keene

Antigua

Nancy Caudill

Juan de Eguia

Armando Mora

Leandro

Mauricio O'Reilly

Chinchorro

John Fraser

Ripalda

Andrew Sweeney

Simpson

Torrie Allen

Verdier

Steve Dixon

Conducted, Directed and Narrated by Pablo Zinger

Lighting Design by Lauren MacKenzie Miller