

A full-body photograph of Lara Wong standing in shallow water, holding a silver flute to her lips. She is wearing a white dress and a colorful beaded bracelet. The background shows a rocky shoreline and a body of water under a clear sky.

# Lara Wong

## Lara Wong Flamenco Trio

The Lara Wong Trio invigorates the flamenco scene with distinctive compositions influenced by far-flung musical styles ranging from Indian to jazz. The mystical melodies of the bamboo bansuri flute and the exploratory improvisations on traverse flute are accompanied by dazzling flamenco guitar riffs and sophisticated rhythms on percussion.



Born and raised in Canada, award-winning musician Lara Wong now makes her home in Madrid, Spain. In 2021 she became the first woman to win the prestigious "Filon" award for best flamenco instrumentalist at the Festival Cante de las Minas, Spain's most important flamenco competition. She was also the first foreigner to win in any category in the festival's 60 year history.

Lara's musical journey began in the classical realm. She earned her Bachelor of Music in classical and jazz flute at McGill University in Montreal. It was during these years that she began to dedicate herself to flamenco. In 2012, Lara travelled to Seville to study flamenco flute and singing at the Fundación Cristina Heeren, where she learned from flamenco legends like Pedro Sierra, Maria Jose Perez, and Calixto Sanchez.

Today, Lara is an up-and-coming flautist in Spain's flamenco scene, performing alongside internationally acclaimed Spanish artists such as Tino di Geraldo, Pepe Rivero, Tomasito, and Juan Andres Maya.

Lara has played in numerous festivals in North America and Europe including Festival Arte Flamenco Mont-de-Marsan, Vancouver International Flamenco Festival, and Festival du Monde Arabe. She has also toured many countries, including France, Japan, Armenia, and Canada. Her first album, "Rosa de los Vientos," will be released in winter 2021.

# The Trio



## MELÓN JIMÉNEZ - GUITARIST

Guitarist Melón Jiménez has made plenty of music, not only in flamenco music but in many related styles. He is both devoted to the tradition of his Andalusian gypsy roots and also, to the innovation of the flamenco guitar, meticulously translating techniques from the sitar, slide guitar, and African gimbri to his guitar. He has accompanied many renowned artists such as Anoushka Shankar, Enrique Morente, Chuchito Valdes, and Jorge Pardo.

## CURTIS ANDREWS - PERCUSSION

Award-winning percussionist Curtis Andrews creates music that is informed by his many years of experience with West African, South Indian and jazz traditions yet transcends categorisation. His music has been described as “a rich multicultural buffet” (The Wholenote) and he has toured nationally and internationally with dozens of artists from across Canada in a myriad of styles.



## Music & Videos

Puerto de Puri - Alegrias with bansuri flute

New single: Candaluza

Vancouver show with Curtis

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Festival del Cielo



## PRESS:

RTVE news report

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