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TECHARÍ

A Profound Flamenco Performance Exploring Passion and Freedom

Jesús Muñoz Flamenco presents an extraordinary new production, *Techarí*, on Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 8 PM in the National Hispanic Cultural Center's Albuquerque Journal Theatre. Tickets are \$35, \$45, and \$55, with discounts for seniors, students, and children, and are available from the NHCC Box Office at (505) 724-4771, or at www.nhccnm.org.

From the Gypsy language of Caló, *Techarí* means to be free—not under the control or power of another. In this production, Jesús Muñoz Flamenco explores the concept of *Techarí* through one of flamenco's most profound and mysterious *palos* (rhythms)—a *palo* that normally was sung behind closed doors, a *palo* so potent, so profound and so absolutely distinctive that if sung during the time of the Franco regime in Spain it could mean immediate execution or forced exile. Rather than hide, some chose to express their intimacies, their pain and their sorrows, and to live just one moment in time where they felt what it was to be free, *Techarí*.

That rhythm is *soleá*, one of the most complex and complete of all *palos* in its ability to convey a range of emotional content, from extremely slow bouts and bursts of raw emotion to controlled virtuosic speeds. *Techarí* will take you on a journey inspired by *soleá*, reminding us of what it means to be free—what it means to let it all go. What it means to have, and to be, *Techarí*.

Recognized for his deep understanding of *cante flamenco* and his improvisational control over rhythm, Jesús Muñoz is Founder/Director of Jesús Muñoz Flamenco, Co-Founder of the Albuquerque Latin Dance Festival and Co-Director of the Detroit-based La Chispa and Company. He teaches a growing student base at his non-profit flamenco center, Casa Flamenca, in Albuquerque, NM, and has introduced flamenco to over 60,000 students nationally. For more information, please visit www.jmflamenco.com or www.casaflamenca.org.

The National Hispanic Cultural Center is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Hispanic culture, arts, and humanities, and is a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

If you would like more information about this performance or other events at the NHCC, please call Randall Gann at 505-252-6869 or e-mail randall.gann@state.nm.us.

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