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**Susana di Palma and Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre announce Summer Performance  
Deeply Rooted in Flamenco Tradition**

**World renown cast to perform vibrant, new production at The Cowles Center.**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. – MARCH 31, 2015 – Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre presents *Flamenco on Fire* an evening of spectacular traditional Spanish flamenco dance and music. The two part program will also feature an excerpt from Susana di Palma's new provocative contemporary flamenco ballet *Los Caprichos*. The show will run June 26 & 27, 2015 at The Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts.

*Flamenco on Fire* will feature a cast of international dancers and musicians from Spain, including:

- ▲ Jose Vallé "Chuscales" – A Spanish gypsy flamenco guitar master born in Granada, Spain
- ▲ Kina Mendez – vibrant flamenco singer from Jerez, Spain
- ▲ Antonio Arrebola – A contemporary flamenco dancer & choreographer from Malaga, Spain
- ▲ Jose Moreno – a passionate flamenco percussionist, dancer, and vocalist of Spanish heritage
- ▲ The show will also include: Susana di Palma, Deborah Elias, Andrea Plevan, and other Zorongo dancers

"*Flamenco on Fire* is about truly honoring our flamenco community and this vibrant, passionate tradition" said Zorongo founder and Artistic Director Susana di Palma, "flamenco embodies the universal quest for expressing the mysteries of the soul through the forms of music, poetry and dance". In essence, "The true fire is from the past".

This year, Zorongo's Cowles season is dedicated to honoring the legacy of the flamenco tradition which has found a second home here in Twin Cities. A flamenco community fiesta celebrating the passionate, powerful, and vibrant energy unique to this dynamic art form will take place at the Zorongo studio on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

In addition, Susana will premiere an excerpt from her new work entitled *Los Caprichos*, which is inspired by Spanish artist Francisco Goya and his satirical prints including "The Sleep of Reason Produces Monsters". This piece will play on the issues once again surfacing in present day culture including freedom of speech and governmental actions.

**ABOUT ZORONGO**

Founded in 1982 by Artistic Director Susana di Palma, and incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 1985, Zorongo Flamenco's mission is "to enrich our community by drawing people close to the beauty and energy of the Flamenco tradition and, by expanding on that tradition, create an innovative art form that explores the issues of contemporary life." Di Palma has directed and choreographed dozens of original flamenco ballets over Zorongo's 33 year history.

Zorongo Flamenco's production of *Flamenco on Fire* has received support from the Goodale Family Foundation, the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, The Minnesota State Arts Board, and individual donors. Zorongo Flamenco is also supported by the McKnight Foundation, the Target Foundation, and the General Mills Foundation.

**CALENDAR ENTRY**

*Flamenco on Fire*

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm; June 27<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm

The Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts

528 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis

Tickets \$30 (fees included), (612) 206-3600 or [www.thecowlescenter.org/calendar-tickets/zorongo-flamenco](http://www.thecowlescenter.org/calendar-tickets/zorongo-flamenco)