

1. **Name:** Toque Flamenco
2. **Genre:** Flamenco, Rumbas and Spanish music
3. **Tagline:** “Transporting you to the land of Andalucia”
4. **Band members:**
 - Mario Sota: Guitarist, singer and flutist
 - Pat Ernst: Violin
 - Marilú Vallejo: Dancer and percussionist
 - Karito Espí: Dancer and percussionist

5. **Band Bio:**

Toque Flamenco is Vancouver’s most popular Flamenco band specializing in creating festive and breathtaking Flamenco shows that include music and dance. Toque Flamenco performs flamenco with passion and rhythmic precision, including spirited, fiery Gipsy Kings Rumbas, which always get the crowd dancing, as well as soulful, stirring dance pieces.

Toque Flamenco is born early in 2014 when Mario Sota and Marilú (who are a couple) share the vision of creating a truly unique Flamenco experience in order to promulgate the Flamenco culture in Western Canada. Joined by Karito (dancer) and Pat Ernst (violin), this project has led ever since to the perfect blending of each other’s talents, tons of inspiration, dedication and creativity, which altogether creates astounding shows every single time.

Toque Flamenco performs pure/traditional Flamenco as well as accessible or unrestricted "popular" flamenco. They enjoy pushing boundaries and doing songs that are outside the normal Flamenco repertoire such as Rock, Argentinean Tangos and Latin Jazz. In a manner similar to Jazz, this band plays with improvisation and complex rhythmic patterns to create exciting and entertaining pieces that are distinctive every time.

Recent festival appearances include the Vancouver World Music Festival, Harrison Season of Performing Arts, Richmond World Festival, Khatsalano, Surrey Fusion Festival, Carnaval del Sol and the Victoria International Flamenco Festival (headliners) to name a few.

Toque Flamenco – EPK

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Toque Flamenco performs regularly around Vancouver in music venues such as the Flamenco tablao The Kino, East is East, Libra Room, Chai Lounge and Guilt & Co.

6. Links to website and social media:

www.toqueflamenco.ca

www.facebook.com/toqueflamencoofficial

Instagram: [toqueflamenco.official](https://www.instagram.com/toqueflamenco.official)

YouTube videos:

Soleá (guitar solo) + Fandangos (dance): <https://youtu.be/5oq56rOfxrU>

Rumbas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU-qXgjRk5U>

The Wall (Intro, dance solo, original arrangement): <https://youtu.be/WP8a0Fqwhzw>

Farruca (dance solo): <https://youtu.be/gZEZ5-YtOJA>

Pat (violin solo): <https://youtu.be/mHJUWtfsIAU>

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8. RIYL:

- Music: Gipsy Kings, Miguel Póveda, Paco de Lucia, Capullo de Jerez, Tomatito, Camarón de la Isla.
- Dance: Mercedes Ruiz, La Lupi, Adela Campallo.

9. One-sheet summary:

BIO: Toque Flamenco is Vancouver's most popular Flamenco band. They perform flamenco with passion and rhythmic precision, including spirited, fiery Rumbas that get the crowd dancing, as well as soulful, stirring dance pieces. Toque Flamenco features *Mario Sota*, a gifted and well-respected multi-instrumentalist in Vancouver's music scene, as singer, guitarist and flutist; renowned *Pat Ernst*, on the Flamenco-Latin-Celtic fusion violin and intrepid sisters *Marilú Vallejo* and *Karito Espí*, as Flamenco dancers and percussionists.

Since its inception in 2014, Toque Flamenco has performed in festivals across the Okanagan, Victoria and Greater Vancouver, including the Vancouver World Music Festival, the Richmond World Festival, the Harrison Season of Performing Arts, Khatsalano, Surrey Fusion Festival, Carnaval del Sol, and the Victoria Flamenco Festival - where they were featured as headliners, among others.

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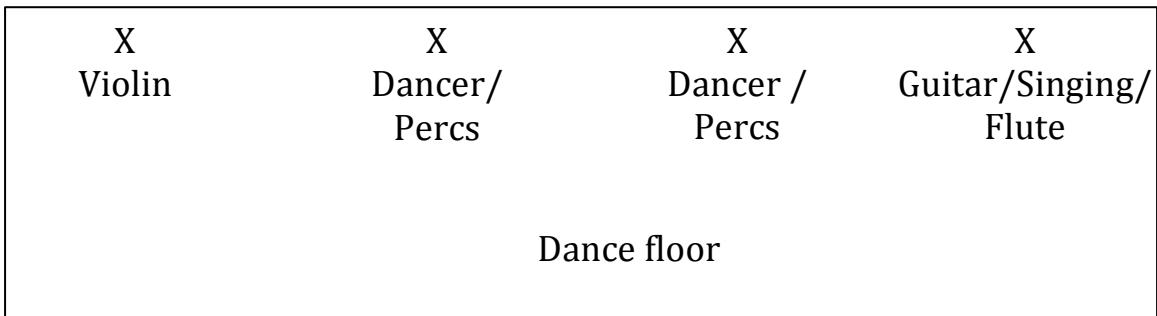
Their shows are characterized for being always innovative, fresh and engaging.

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UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Every Friday at East is East (3035 W Broadway) from 7 – 10 pm
- Every Sunday at Chai Lounge (4433 Main St) from 7 – 10 pm
- For other dates/venues please check: <https://www.toqueflamenco.ca/next-performances/>

10. Stage plot:



Stage requirements:

- 3 armless chairs
- Dance floor: minimum 3 meters X 2.5 meters wooden floor

Sound Equipment:

- 5 mic stands (boom)
- 1 mic ministand
- 2 mic Beta 58A
- 3 mic Beta 68A
- 1 mic DPA 4099G

Lighting:

- General wash