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CAPA PRESENTS THE FIRE OF FLAMENCO WITH THE  
WORLD-FAMOUS DANCE COMPANY  
**NOCHE FLAMENCA**  
FEATURING  
**SOLEDAD BARRIO**

**“To be sure, there are the virtuoso set pieces of joyful release. But it is the depths of the soul and its unfathomable mystery to which these fine artists aspire. They confront nothing less than the mystery of life.”**

**– *The New York Observer***

**“Her performances start with a quiet, silky grace, but by the end she is more creature than human.” – *The New York Times***

Founded in Madrid in 1993, Noche Flamenca was born from the passion of Artistic Director Martín Santangelo and wife Soledad Barrio. Through years of persistence, hard work, and love, Noche Flamenca has developed into one of Spain's most successful flamenco companies. Since its beginning, Noche Flamenca's goal has been to maintain the essence, purity, and integrity of one of the world's most complex and mysterious art forms without gimmicks. The company strives to accomplish this through high artist standards as well as a profound understanding of flamenco. All aspects of flamenco—dance, song and music—are intimately connected and given equal weight in Noche Flamenca, creating a true communal spirit which is the very heart and soul of flamenco.

CAPA is proud to present Noche Flamenca at the **Capitol Theatre** (77 S. High St.) on **Sunday, February 24**, at **7 pm**. **Tickets** are \$36, \$31, and \$26 and go on sale to the public on Friday, January 11. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Capitol Theatre Ticket Office will open two hours prior to the performance. This performance is made possible through the generous support of **CAPA Caliente Series** sponsors **David and Mo Meuse**.

Awarded the Lucille Lortel Award for Special Theatrical Experience in 2003, Noche Flamenca's vitality, energy and passion have earned accolades from around

the world, with raves and standing ovations in Egypt, the US, Canada, Australia, Portugal, and Spain. Because the company's core group of artists has devoted years to its goal, Noche Flamenca continues to delve deeper and deeper in its quest for a profound art.

In the past few seasons, Noche Flamenca has debuted in Buenos Aires, Chile, Cairo, Denver, Seattle, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Miami and Hawaii. The company has also toured Australia and New Zealand to great acclaim. Noche has performed at the Hollywood Bowl, The Ravinia Festival, Wolf Trap Festival, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Florida International Festival, An Appalachian Summer Festival and at the Zellerbach Playhouse in Berkeley. The company also performs regularly in South America and New York.

Performances in the season ahead include debuts in Cordoba, Lugo, Santiago, Atlanta, Charlotte, St. Louis and Chicago and return engagements in Boston, Denver, Berkeley and Montreal.

### **About Lead Dancer Soledad Barrio**

Born in Madrid, Soledad Barrio has appeared as soloist with Manuela Vargas, Blanca del Rey, Luisillo, El Guito, Manolete, Cristobal Reyes, and El Toleo, as well as with dance companies Ballet Español de Paco Romero, Festival Flamenco and many others. *The New Yorker* says of Barrio, "Of the flamenco dancers I have seen, Soledad Barrio, the star of Noche Flamenca, is the most severe and the most internal." She has performed throughout North and South America, Europe, and Japan with such artists as Alejandro Granados, Isabel Bayõn, Jesus Torres, Miguel Perez, Belen Maya, Manolo Marin, Javier Barõn, Merce Esmeralda, Rafael Campallo, and Belen Maya. Barrio has earned awards from more than 12 countries for excellence in dance, and most recently received a "Bessie" award for Outstanding Creative Achievement. She is a founding member of Noche Flamenca and is married to Artistic Director Martín Santangelo. They have two beautiful daughters, Gabriela and Stella.

### **About Artistic Director and Founder Martín Santangelo**

Martín Santangelo has studied with Ciro, Paco Romero, El Guito, Manolete and Alejandro Granados and has performed throughout North and South America, Spain, and Japan, appearing in Maria Benitez's Teatro Flamenco, Paco Romero's

Ballet Espanol, and Julie Taymor's *Juan Darien*. Santangelo has also choreographed and performed in Eduardo Machado's *Deep Song* and a production of *Romeo and Juliet* at the Denver Theater Center. He has directed and choreographed *Bodas de Sangre*, *The Lower Depths*, *La Celestina*, and *A Streetcar Named Desire* as well as many other productions in Spain and Buenos Aires. In 1993, Santangelo founded Noche Flamenca with his wife and lead dancer, Soledad Barrio.

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex (Columbus) and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), **CAPA** is an award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com).

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

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