

Saturday, February 3, 2024

## A Palo Seco Flamenco Company

Company: A Palo Seco Flamenco Company  
Venue: Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture  
Location: Bronx, NY

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Described as "a feast for the eyes and the ears" (Theatre OnLine), A Palo Seco Flamenco Company seeks out new possibilities between traditional forms and contemporary perspectives. The company's name, "A Palo Seco," comes from a phrase that refers to a bare-bones style of flamenco music, and captures the emotional rawness at the heart of flamenco. The performance at Hostos features some of the company's most lauded repertoire, plus a preview of *Fieras*, a powerful new work that conveys the struggles and strengths of survivors of abuse.

A Palo Seco is a New York-based Flamenco company with a unique voice that employs their Flamenco expertise, while also taking into account the context in which they live. The company's work exposes people to an innovative take on Flamenco, combining traditional techniques with a modern, metropolitan flare, and with a deep reverence for female empowerment. "A Palo Seco" refers to a bare-bones style of flamenco music, often consisting of singing or percussion alone. This stripped-down aesthetic is central to the company's work.

Founded by artistic director Rebeca Tomas, the company debuted in 2010 at NYC's Theatre 80, and was described as "a feast for the eyes and the ears" (Theatre On-Line). For her work with A Palo Seco, Tomas has received support from the LMCC, Jerome Foundation, ArtsWestchester, and she is a two-time NYFA choreography fellow. A Palo Seco Flamenco Company has appeared throughout the U.S. at the Chicago Flamenco Festival, Eastman School of Music's World Music Series, Jacob's Pillow, the Rockefeller's Pocantico Center, NYC-Summer Stage, Flushing Town Hall and the New Victory Theater.

The work was developed through a residency supported by the CUNY Dance Initiative (CDI), an expansive program providing New York City choreographers and dance companies with creative residencies on CUNY college campuses. [www.cuny.edu/danceinitiative](http://www.cuny.edu/danceinitiative)

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