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Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company
presents

TRANSCENDENCE

The highly praised Canadian company of flamenco dancers and musicians celebrates its 41st year with a look at how art impacts and transcends beyond what words can convey.

May 12-14, 2023, at the Fleck Dance Theatre – Harbourfront Centre

Toronto, ON (March 28, 2023) – **Transcendence** is this year's seasonal presentation by the award-winning Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company (EESDC). Featuring new work by acclaimed, new generation dancer and choreographer, José Maldonado (Barcelona) an artist who melds together the experience of flamenco traditions with a contemporary vision. José debuted with EESDC in 2019, the same year he was recognized at the prestigious **Festival de Jerez** with the *Premio Artista Revelación* (*Breakthrough Artist Award*).

In **Transcendence**, art comes to life as a feeling. *"We dance to try to capture that indescribable sensation we get when we look with the eyes of our soul. And in this looking, we transform, we become attentive to the sensations, we expand our being, we are no longer the same person. When art impacts us beyond what words can describe, we dance our emotions."*

The company for **Transcendence** includes guest singer, Manuel Soto (Jerez, Spain) and acclaimed, Dora Award winning flamenco guitarists, Caroline Planté (Montréal) and Benjamin Barrile (Toronto). **Transcendence** also features singer Marcos Marín (Montréal) and percussionist, Miguel Medina (Montréal) along with our exceptional, Toronto-based dancers, Pamela Briz, Makeda Benítez, Nancy Cardwell, Virginia Castro Durán, Alison MacDonald, and as always, Esmeralda Enrique, Artistic Director.

Along with Maldonado's new work, a new piece by dancer/choreographer, **Isaac Tovar**, will also debut, as well as a reworking of a piece by Rafael del Pino by Esmeralda and the Company's dancers. Striking visual elements, including video and projections created by Matthew Maaskant and exquisite lighting design by Dora Award winner Sharon DiGenova, complete the artistic environment of each piece.

Transcendence brings rhythms, music, singing, colours and movement to life by allowing art to guide the process.

ABOUT THE ESMERALDA ENRIQUE SPANISH DANCE COMPANY (EESDC)

The award-winning Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company was founded in 1982 under the artistic direction of Esmeralda Enrique and has a history rooted in flamenco and Spanish Classical dance. While maintaining the values of traditional flamenco singing, dance and music, the company presents a style that holds in perfect balance tradition and classicism with a contemporary aesthetic. EESDC has been presenting an annual Toronto Season since 1990 and has developed an ever expanding repertoire that has earned both critical and popular acclaim. With exceptional dancers, musicians and international guests, the Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Company is recognized for the extraordinary level of their productions that continue to enthrall audiences with its commitment to imaginative choreography and artistic excellence.

DETAILS

Where: Fleck Dance Theatre – 207 Queens Quay West – 3rd Floor

When: **May 12 & 13 at 8:00 PM and May 14 at 3:00 PM**

Tickets: Regular - \$30-\$49 - Purchase tickets [online](#)

For groups of 10 or more call the box office at 416-973-4000

Length: Approximately 2 hours

EESDC SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: www.flamencos.net

Facebook: [@EsmeraldaEnriqueSpanishDanceCompany](https://www.facebook.com/EsmeraldaEnriqueSpanishDanceCompany)

Instagram: [@esmeralda_enrique](https://www.instagram.com/esmeralda_enrique)

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Video Link:

Fin de Fiesta from 2017's An Iconic Journey: [VIMEO](#)

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