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DESCRIPTIVE SENTENCE:

We are a classical guitar duo, and our playing can be described as two weavers weaving one piece.



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ARTIST STATEMENT:

For both of us, before our pre-teen years, the Guitar was our first love and continues to be a loyal and intimate friend. The disciplined training that came afterwards helped us to harness this feeling into its current form, which is transmitted through our playing. We weave the sounds of the guitar strings with care and attention, in light of our love for the instrument.

As we do our craft together, we bring into this world the spirit of the piece we work with, working to perfect it. In the process, we discover our own duo blend flavor in all its uniqueness and beauty, which guides us in the direction of perfecting our own style. It is such a gift for us to be able to play for an audience, because the listener creates the medium by which we can work in this way.

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Tito Rios
BORN La Paz, Bolivia
RESIDES in Santa Fe, NM

Petra Babankova
BORN Prague, Czech Republic
RESIDES in Santa Fe, NM

COMBINED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003-2006 **Entertainment agencies**
Absolute Entertainment, Bellissima Music Services

2002-2006 **Weddings**
Hacienda Doña Andrea La Fonda Hotel
Loretto Chapel St. Francis Hotel
La Posada Hotel (and many other locations).

1991-2006 **Concerts and Public Performances**
GiG Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
Peña Pachamama, San Francisco, CA
El Dorado Hotel, Santa Fe, NM
Inn at Loretto, Santa Fe, NM
Memorial Concert of Beijing Massacre, Montreal, Quebec (1989)
Prix d'Expression Musical, Drummonville, Quebec (1986)

1987-2005 **Teaching Classical Guitar and Music Theory**
Private courses
Waldorf High School, Santa Fe, NM
Institute for Spanish Arts, Santa Fe, NM
Centre des Loisirs de Saint-Lambert, Quebec
Centre Albert-Gariepy, Lachine, Quebec

1994-2005 **Discography**
Moods: Music of Old Europe (2005) Classic Magic (1997)
Two Guitars, One Soul (2004) Spirit Guitar (1995)
Sol y Luna in Santa Fe (2003) Songs of Yesteryear (1994)
and others (pre-994).

EDUCATION

1991-1993 Master of music, performance in classical guitar
Universite de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec
1987-1991 Bachelor of Music, performance in classical guitar
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
1988-1995 Apprenticeship with Paul Binkley
San Francisco, CA



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SOL Y LUNA GUITAR DUO BIOGRAPHY

Sol y Luna Guitar Duo is a classical guitar duo composed of guitarists Petra Babankova and Tito Rios. Currently they reside in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they have been focusing mainly in local private, public and corporate events of different kinds since 2001. Each member background contributes to the duo character and a wealth of past individual academic as well as professional experience.

Petra Babankova was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia. She began playing guitar when she was 12 years old. In 1980, she and her family moved to Canada where she studied with Czech guitarist Antonin Bartos. At the age of 17 she spent a year in Brazil, which greatly influenced her musical style. After another important year of guitar practice in western Canada, she returned to Montreal, obtained a degree in music interpretation from McGill University, and proceeded to get a Master Degree at Universite de Montreal. Since then, she continues to teach and perform, realizing more and more the importance and power of music in our lives.

Tito Rios was born in the city of La Paz, in the Andean country of Bolivia, South America. He recognized the guitar as his musical instrument at the age of 8 years old, and has worked with this instrument ever since. He moved to the USA when he was 12 and continued his guitar training in San Francisco, CA, with classical guitarist Paul Binkley. He studied classical guitar for 8 years. Later his style has been influenced by working with traditional music from Latin America primarily music of the Andes. During this period of his musical development, he toured in the United States and overseas with different bands including the renowned band Sukay.

Since having formed Sol y Luna Guitar Duo in Santa Fe, NM, they continue to work with Absolute Entertainment, the most respected entertainment agency in Santa Fe, NM. Currently they are the recommended musicians for weddings at the Hacienda Dona Andrea, and they have performed weddings in all the major hotels in Santa Fe and its vicinity. Furthermore, the duo continues to be invited guests at GiG Santa Fe (owned and directed by the director of the Santa Fe Jazz Festival) and at Pena Pachamama in San Francisco, CA, owned by Quentin Howard (director of Sukay) and Eddy Navia (world award-winner Charango virtuoso).

Since its conception, Sol y Luna Guitar Duo has received only praise for their musicianship, talent, repertoire and ensemble. Putting their energies together, exclusively as a duo for over 5 years, Tito and Petra create a blend that gives the listener today an unforgettable and exquisite musical experience.