



# Paco Peña in Ottawa



Considered one of the world's foremost traditional Flamenco players, Spanish flamenco composer and guitarist Paco Peña is on tour in the USA and Canada.

Mr. Peña is a virtuoso, capable of dazzling an audience beyond the frets of mortal man. He combines rapid-fire flourishes with a colorist's sense of shading; this listener cannot recall hearing any guitarist with a more assured mastery of his instrument. It should come as no surprise that readers of America's Guitar magazine judged Paco Peña Best Flamenco Guitarist of the Year for five consecutive years.

—*The New York Times*

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Born in the Andalusian city of Córdoba, Paco Peña began learning guitar from his brother at the age of six and made his first professional appearance at the age of 12. In the late 1960s he left Spain for London, where his recitals of flamenco music captured the public imagination. Paco Peña is based in London, but still spends a significant part of the year in his native Andalucía. In 1997 he was proud to be named Oficial de la Cruz de la Orden Del Merito Civil, an honour bestowed by King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Venues for his performances have included Royal Albert Hall in London, New

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