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WHAT IS FLAMENCO?

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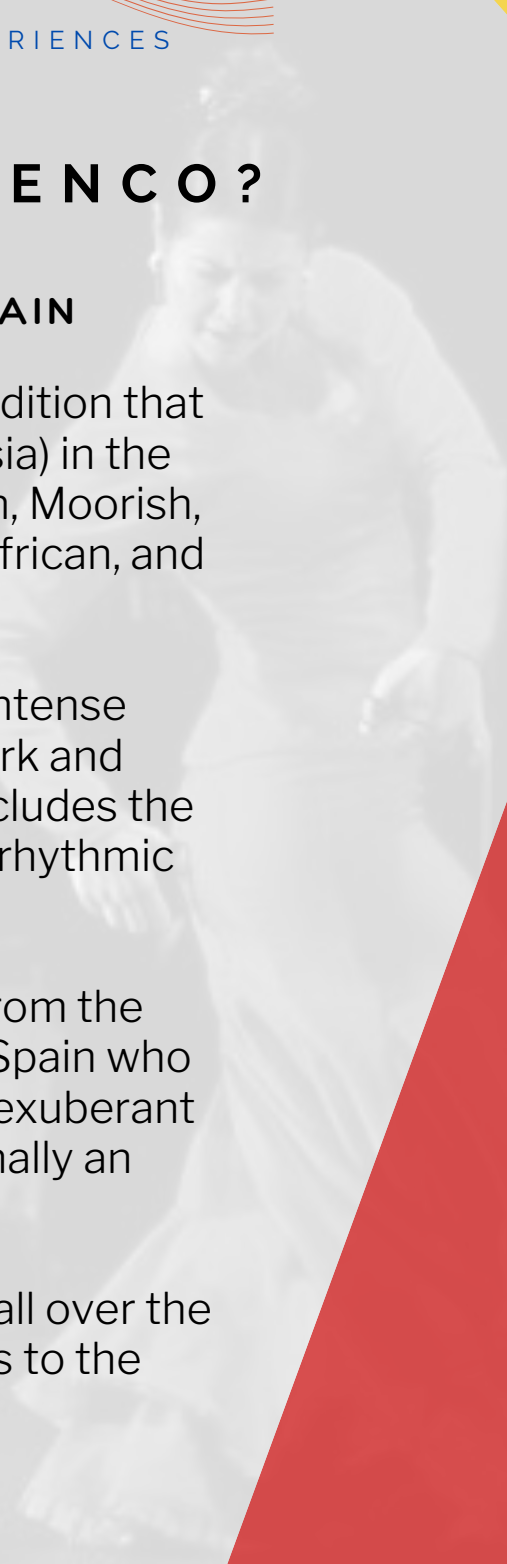
Flamenco is a music and dance tradition that formed in southern Spain (Andalusia) in the 19th century from a mix of Spanish, Moorish, Sephardic Jewish, West & North African, and Latin American traditions.

Though most people think of the intense dance (baile), known for its footwork and castanet playing, flamenco also includes the singing (cante), guitar (toque), and rhythmic handclaps (palmas).

Many of flamenco's songs come from the laborers and artisans of southern Spain who expressed their lives through this exuberant folk tradition. Flamenco is traditionally an improvised form.

Nowadays, flamenco can be seen all over the world, from small family gatherings to the world's largest stages.

For more info visit:
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A L I C E B L U M E N F E L D

LEAD TEACHING ARTIST

-Two time Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award recipient (FY20 & 22)

-U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

-Fulbright Grant recipient (Spain)

-Principal Examiner International Baccalaureate for Dance Composition

-National YoungArts Foundation Silver Award Winner (world dance category)

-New York University graduate, summa cum laude

-MFA Dance, Hollins University

-Has FBI/BCI background check

-Five national tours with Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana

-15 years of teaching experience in K-12

-5 years experience in Higher Education, including as a Visiting Asst. Professor at Oberlin College & Conservatory

-Fluent in Spanish and English



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WHY FLAMENCO?




KINESTHETIC LEARNING

Students learn Spanish vocabulary and experience culture through music, dance, and engaged learning techniques.

We work closely with schools to integrate learning goals to suit each classroom's needs.

FLAMENCO HELPS DEVELOP:

- physical fitness and coordination
 - emotional and social skills, teamwork
 - confidence, poise
 - memorization, critical thinking and cognition skills
 - listening and mathematics skills
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...not to mention the joy flamenco brings!



Interactive performance at the Children's Museum of Cleveland in 2023.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS:



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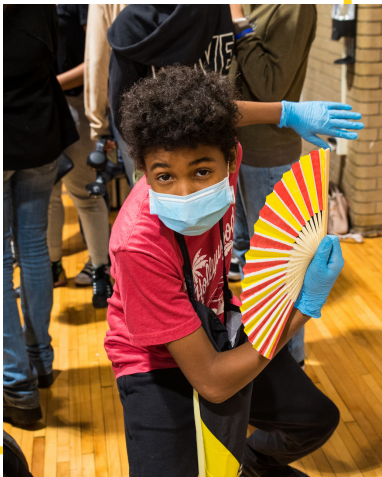
Live musicians and dancers share the expressive power of flamenco.

Each performance includes audience participation and brief explanations of flamenco history.



IN-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL RESIDENCIES

Short and long term residencies offer the opportunity for students to learn flamenco moves and help create a dance choreography. Each residency culminates with a final performance.



Above: getting ready backstage before our performance at Open Doors Academy International Festival. Right: waiting to performing at the Broadway Boys and Girls Club



MASTERCLASSES

Students learn a short flamenco dance and gain insight into the history and culture. Each masterclass includes a brief demonstration, followed by an overview of flamenco dance moves and music.



CONTACT US:

Let us help you reach your curriculum goals in a fun and unique way! With years of experience our programs will bring Spain to life in your classroom.

Email Alice at abrepasoflamenco@gmail.com or call 505-363-2680.

We look forward to working with you and your students!



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Snapshots from all-school assembly at St. Joseph Academy.



FROM TEACHERS:

"WOW! There are no words to express our gratitude for your teaching these past two days. It truly was an amazing experience for the students and the teachers! There were so many students who said they really enjoyed your class and dancing...this is a VERY high compliment from high school students. Thank you for being willing to work with us and to provide us with an experience that I know the students will keep with them forever."

- Amy (Spanish teacher at Shaker Heights High School)

"What stood out was Abrepaso's commitment to cultural authenticity. They not only showcased the vibrant rhythms and movements of Flamenco but also provided insightful background information, enriching the students' understanding of this beautiful art form. The interactive workshops were a highlight for both students and educators. Alice Blumenfeld, the Artistic and Executive Director, skillfully tailored material to suit each grade level, making it accessible and engaging. The impact of Abrepaso's visit was palpable. Students were not only entertained but also inspired. The integration of Flamenco into the curriculum provided a unique and memorable educational experience that resonated with the entire school community." - Jenny Burnett (Director of Dance, Hathaway Brown School)