

# CONSTANTINOPE

## *El grito, el silencio*

A hot evening in the heart of Andalusia



Montreal, January 30, 2010, for immediate release—As part of the new *Caliente!* series of the **MONTREAL HIGH LIGHTS FESTIVAL**, the **Constantinople** ensemble is presenting a concert that will quickly raise the temperature of the Salle Pierre-Mercure next February 26. *El grito, el silencio* is an authentic journey into Spanish Andalusia and its fiery flamenco. First performed to great acclaim in Montreal in May 2008 with guests **La Tremendita**, the flamboyant singer from Seville, and Andalusian guitarist **Juan Requena**, this production went on to such major events as the Luxembourg Flamenco Festival in Esch and the Festival Lyrique in Aix-en-Provence.

All lovers of flamenco and world music will appreciate this red-hot fusion of Persian and Andalusian music, performed on stage by the Constantinople ensemble (**Kiya Tabassian**: artistic director, setar / **Pierre-Yves Martel**: viola de gamba / **Ziya Tabassian**: percussion) and guests **La Tremendita** and **Juan Requena**.

Inspired by the writings of the famous Andalusian poet Federico García Lorca (1898-1936), and of Djálal-e-Din Rumi (1207-1273), the greatest Persian Sufi poet, tonight's concert is composed of contemporary rereadings of old romanceros stemming from traditional forms of flamenco music (granainas, tangos, peteneras, zambras, soleás and bulerías), as well as new compositions based on the merging of different styles, a process Constantinople has explored for many years.

*“Once again, Constantinople has reminded us of their essential role as itinerant ambassadors of world culture. Rarely have our local stages resonated with such frenzied synergy.”* — La Scena Musicale, 2008

### ***El grito, el silencio* will also be presented on a Quebec tour:**

February 19 at Théâtre Hector-Charland, l'Assomption

February 20 at Centre culturel of Shawinigan

February 27 at Théâtre Centennial of Sherbrooke.

### **Friday, February 26, at 8 p.m.**

Salle Pierre-Mercure du Centre Pierre-Péladeau, 300 de Maisonneuve East, Montréal. Berri-UQAM Métro

Tickets: \$27 / \$22 seniors / \$15 students. 514-987-6919 / Admission 514-790-1245

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