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Art Gallery of Hamilton's
Garden Grooves: A Global Music Series presents Guitarist

Juan Carranza

Experience traditional and new flamenco music as the Art Gallery of Hamilton's exciting **Garden Grooves: A Global Music Series** presents a performance by renowned guitarist **Juan Carranza**, Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 8:00 pm in the Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden at the newly renovated AGH, 123 King Street West in Hamilton.

Guitarist **Juan Carranza's** vibrant blend of traditional and nuevo flamenco is driven by a spirited undercurrent of Latin and North African rhythms. **Carranza** was first introduced to flamenco as a teenager in New York City where he met a gypsy musician who taught him a complex guitar technique known as *rasqueado*. **Carranza's** passion for music was ignited and over the years he has honed his skills from encounters with other flamenco players and gypsies from Central America, Mexico, Germany, Holland and Spain.

Accompanying Juan Carranza will be flamenco dancer **Rae Bowhay**. With more than ten years of learning and stage experience, Rae has worked equally on choreography and presentations in Quebec, Alberta, and Los Angeles. For the past six years, Bowhay's work has been orientated towards the development of a new style of flamenco dance.

Rhythmically complex and melodically provocative, the flamenco musical form possesses a quality of improvisation found only in jazz music. Intense and animated, flamenco not only expresses the suffering of generations but also extols the joys of life.

Tickets are \$16.00 for AGH Members, \$18.00 for students/seniors and \$20.00 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, by phone by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 232, in person at the Art Gallery of Hamilton front desk during Gallery hours, or in person day of concert.

Garden Grooves: A Global Music Series draws to a close on July 28th with a performance by Juno-nominated world music ensemble **autorickshaw**.

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For complete **Garden Grooves: A Global Music Series** schedule, ticket purchasing and policy information, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

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For **Garden Grooves** and complete **AGH sevenseason** programming information, please call Jennifer Matotek at 905-527-6610, ext. 232 or e-mail jennifer@artgalleryofhamilton.com

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