



Los Desterrados

Bringing the Sephardi repertoire bang up to date

"...a real tribute to the extensive array of cultural influences that serve Sephardi music." 5/5* **Songlines Magazine**

For over 13 years, Los Desterrados have brought vibrant new life to the ancient music of the Sephardi Jews. Their masterful fusion of Spanish Flamenco, the fiery Gypsy melodies of the Balkans and the irresistible rhythms of North Africa has created a rootsy sound that keeps these ancient songs as relevant and powerful today as they ever were.

'Los Desterrados take the music of the Sephardic Jews, with its strong Latin influences, and drag it effortlessly into the 21st Century with lashings of Spanish folk and Balkan soul.' **London Metro**

"Los Desterrados are a Sephardic blast! Lively, heart-warming, an eclectic mix of international sounds that brought the audience to their feet." **Rosie Turner, Festival Director, Canterbury Festival**

".....great musical arrangements and surprises with a vast range of vocal and instrumental styles and expertise...a heady mix of music from all points of the Sephardic compass"

Frosts Magazine

'Cheerfully eclectic...Never a dull moment, and done with infectious enthusiasm'

Evening Standard

"...as violins and Spanish guitars intertwine, it's hard to know where or when you are."

The Independent

Los Des' unconventional arrangements are heavily influenced by the music they've all grown up with - rock, jazz, folk, funk and soul, yet feature traditional instruments such as the cajón and 'oud and vocals sung in Ladino (Judeo-Spanish). The resulting music is an energetic blend of the ancient and modern - with a healthy dose of London attitude!

Following their nomination for Best Group in the inaugural Songlines Music Awards, the band have played extensively at festivals and high profile venues across the UK and Europe as well as recording live sessions for the BBC Radio 3 programmes 'World Routes' and 'World on Three'. Their latest album, 'Dos Amantes', was selected as one of the top ten world music releases in the July issue of Songlines Magazine.

"We had a packed house for Los Desterrados, who entertained us with charm and humour as well as great music rooted in the festivals and rites of passage of Jewish life." **Kate Whyman, Director, Brighton World Sacred Music Festival**