

Seasons of Life is a theatrical presentation in flamenco dance style by the Brandon based group, Flamenco on the Prairies. It is performed by two dancers and four live musicians. The performance takes you through the connection of an older and younger dancer. It describes the playful beginning of two people who discover the joy of making art together. Loss ,grief and anger taint the relationship. The show follows the seasons from joyful spring, warmth of summer, conflict in fall, and sorrow in winter. The show is vibrant and colourfully costumed following the journey of emotions in their relationship.

This is a first time at the Winnipeg Fringe festival for Flamenco on the Prairies. Brandon, Mb based dancers, Anna Osterbeck and Christine Penner connected when Anna was 14 and Christine as an adult traveled with the local dance school to study flamenco in Jerez, Spain. During Covid, Christine retired as a music teacher and was newly appointed the flamenco dance teacher at the Brandon School of Dance. During this time she did hours of online dancing with Spanish Flamenco dancer, David Romero. Christine had the desire to perform flamenco with live musicians as they do in Spain. She looked locally for some time but most guitarists did not want to attempt such a difficult challenge. Finally newly arrived during Covid, and studying at Brandon University School of Music, Brazilian jazz guitarist Emmanuel Bach connected with Christine to form Flamenco on the Prairies. Emmanuel is now based in Winnipeg doing his masters in jazz guitar at the U of M. For this show they have regular Caitlin Baker on violin, Winnipeg based flamenco guitarist George Bajer-Koulack and guest Ramiro Sepulveda of The Papa Mambo Trio on Cajon. Christine sings traditional cante of Spain.

Their show , **Seasons of Life** is part of the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, at the Tom Hendry Warehouse ,140 Rupert Ave. Winnipeg, Mb.

Shows are : July 20-1:00pm, July 21-9:45pm July 22-4:45pm, July 25-2:30pm, July 26-1:00 pm, July 27-7:45pm, July 28-11:30 am

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