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**MARIACHI FLOR DE TOLOACHE  
AND THE VILLALOBOS BROTHERS  
McCALLUM THEATRE  
Friday – November 22 – 8:00pm**

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre presents Mariachi Flor de Toloache and The Villalobos Brothers on Friday, November 22, at 8:00pm.

**MARIACHI FLOR DE TOLOACHE**

Latin Grammy winner Flor de Toloache made New York City history as its first and only all-women mariachi group. Founded in 2008, Flor de Toloache is led by singers Mireya I. Ramos and Shae Fiol. Reminiscent of the early days of mariachi, the group started as a trio, harp, violin and vihuela. Today, Flor De Toloache performs mostly as a four-piece mariachi ensemble.

The members hail from diverse cultural backgrounds such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Colombia, Germany, Italy and the United States. This defines their unique flavor and sound. The result of this cultural bouquet is an edgy, versatile and fresh take on traditional Mexican music. They coalesce as would a band of sisters, with a grace and vibrant beauty that casts a spell over their audiences not unlike the legendary Toloache flower still being used in Mexico as a love potion. While working to preserve centuries old traditions of mariachi, their melange of the traditional and the modern pushes the boundaries of the genre and brings mariachi music to new audiences.

Over the last few years, Flor de Toloache has performed on renowned stages in Europe and Asia. In 2015 and 2016, the group toured extensively in Europe and the U.S as the opening act of Black Keys' singer Dan Auerbach's new band The Arcs. After performing to sold out audiences in the U.K., Germany, Holland, Italy, and France, they captivated crowds in the U.S. at legendary venues, including First Avenue in Minneapolis, The Vic in Chicago, Terminal 5 in New York, DC 930 Club and Nashville's Ryman Theater (The Grand Ole Opry) and Coachella. In 2017, Flor de Toloache completed a U.S. tour with Mexican icons Cafe Tacvba; a celebratory Day of the Dead tour with Grammy winning act La Santa Cecilia and Mexrrissey; and a fund raiser with Natalia Lafourcade, Mon Laferte, Carlos Rivera and Gaby Moreno at the House of Blues in Anaheim.

Flor De Toloache's critically acclaimed self-titled debut album received a Latin Grammy nomination for Best Ranchero/Mariachi Album in 2015. In 2017, their album *Las Caras Lindas* won the Latin Grammy for Best Ranchero album and features collaborations with Pedrito Martinez, Velcro and was produced by Felipe Fournier.

Following a highly praised NPR's "Tiny Desk Concert," their collaboration with rock group The Arcs landed them on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, and BBC 2's "Later with Jools Holland."

<http://mariachinyc.com/>

**THE VILLALOBOS BROTHERS** have been acclaimed as one of today's leading contemporary Mexican ensembles. Their original compositions and arrangements masterfully fuse and celebrate the richness of Mexican folk music with the intricate harmonies of jazz and classical music.

The ensemble's virtuosic performances have delighted audiences throughout Latin America, India, Russia, Canada, and in more than 30 states across the U.S. They have performed in historic venues and events including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Latin Grammy Awards, Davies Symphony Hall, Montreal Jazz Festival, the Ford Theatre in Hollywood, the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations, the New Victory Theatre on Broadway, San Jose Jazz Fest, Celebrate Brooklyn, the 66th FIFA Congress in Mexico City, the Blue Note Jazz Festival, and the Apollo Theatre.

In 2018, they joined forces with Arturo O'Farrill and the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra for the Fandango at the Wall project. This ambitious undertaking, produced by Kabir Sehgal, united legendary international musicians for a live concert at the Tijuana-San Diego border wall which resulted in a live album and documentary film to be released in 2019.

The Villalobos Brothers recently premiered their Symphonic Project, performing sold-out concerts with both the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and the Walla Walla Symphony.

The ensemble has collaborated with legendary musicians including Grammy winners Bruce Springsteen, Dolly Parton, Antonio Sánchez, Regina Carter, Eduardo Magallanes, Dan Zanes, Sierra Hull, and Ana Tijoux.

The Villalobos Brothers are touring the United States, delivering a powerful message of love, brotherhood and social justice with brilliance, cadence and virtuosity.

[www.villalobosbrothers.com](http://www.villalobosbrothers.com)

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$65, \$45 and \$25. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at [www.mccallumtheatre.com](http://www.mccallumtheatre.com) or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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