

FLAMENCO IN YOUR HOME

A series of online performative workshops led and created by flamenco dance artist Pepa Molina, presented by FORM Dance Projects in partnership with Residential Gardens, Rooty Hill, NSW, Australia.

FORM is delighted to commission Compañía Pepa Molina to offer six online interactive mini-performances at the Aged Care Facility, Residential Gardens, the only Spanish speaking facility in Australia. The project is one of 24 State-wide successfully funded projects by the NSW Government to combat social isolation for seniors during COVID-19.

In March, COVID-19 brought to a halt FORM's Dance Bites seasons at Riverside Theatres. Compañía Pepa Molina's new work *Perceptions* was due to premiere at the end of May. Whilst the work is now postponed to 2021, FORM is very excited that *Perceptions'* flame may keep burning nowhere better than where it was seeded.

Residential Gardens residents participated in the early development of the work thanks to a Blacktown Arts supported residency which culminated in performances as part of the Magnify Festival last September. Marta Terracciano, Residential Gardens CEO, says, "its impact on residents was magnificent".

Technology has been actively embraced by Residential Gardens to alleviate the isolation brought by the pandemic in aged care facilities across Australia. Pepa Molina's connection to Residential Gardens is personal and intimate. Residents will be able to join by using the ZOOM platform. Each session will be a joyful and active sharing of Molina's choreography performed by Pepa Molina Flamenco Dance Academy students, Molina's own performance in extracts of *Perceptions* and an invitation to sing Flamenco rhythms and music.

Every last Tuesday of the month until the end of this year, *Flamenco in your home* will bring the skills of an internationally acclaimed Australian artist to one of the most severely COVID-19 impacted community and provide what dance does best: lift spirits, foster social connection and celebrate the joy of living.

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Artist Biography Pepa Molina is an Australian Flamenco artist with Andalusian heritage and a respected international profile. Her Flamenco productions have toured main theatre circuits in Spain, International music & dance festivals as well as Flamenco festivals across Europe, America and Asia, placing her amongst the leading international contemporary Flamenco dance companies. In 2004, she formed Compañía Pepa Molina. Her work *Bush Bailando* was premiered as part of FORM Dance Projects Dance Bites program and won the Dance Australia's Critic's choice award for Most interesting Australian group/artist in 2016. Pepa was to present her new work *Perceptions* in May 2020 with FORM Dance Projects at Riverside Theatres. The Dance Bites season has been postponed due to COVID-19.

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