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A Magical Evening in Andalusia

A concert featuring Spanish composer **Manuel de Falla's** *El Amor Brujo*, arranged for two pianos, soprano and viola by **Barbara Solís**, Ottawa specialist in Spanish music

Ottawa music-lovers will have the opportunity to experience a rarely heard presentation of master Spanish composer **Manuel de Falla's** *El Amor Brujo* (pronounced "Brú-hoe"), composed in 1915 and arranged for two pianos, soprano and viola by Ottawa pianist **Barbara Solís**, a Spanish-music specialist.

Performers will be **Barbara Solís** and **Joan Milliken**, pianos; **Gloria Jean Nagy** (pronounced "Nàge"), soprano; and **Kevin James**, viola.

In addition to performing on lead piano, **Barbara Solís** will take the unusual role of dancer – with tambourine – in **Falla's** most famous movement from *El Amor Brujo*, the spellbinding and hypnotic "Fire Dance."

This presentation will be led by Ottawa pianist **Barbara Solís**, who has undertaken a lifetime study of classical Spanish repertoire for piano.

Ms. Solís – a noted pianist, lecture-recitalist, choreographer and researcher – frequently appears in local concert series, is writing a book on Spanish music, and has recently released a CD of solo piano works and several of her evocative arrangements for piano with viola, with Ottawa violist **Kevin James**.

Well-known composer **Steven Gellman**, professor of composition at the University of Ottawa, has acted as artistic director for this presentation. A new work of visual art by **Cheryl Gellman** – commissioned especially for **Ms. Solís'** danced performance of **Falla's** "Fire Dance" – will be unveiled on stage during the performance.

The program will also feature other works by **Falla** and **Isaac Albéniz**, for solo piano and duo pianos, and for piano with viola.

This concert will take place on **Saturday, November 4**, at **8:00 p.m.**, at **Freiman Hall, University of Ottawa (50 University Private)**. Tickets are available at the door (**\$20 for adults** and **\$15 for students/seniors**).

For more information, please call **613-748-0129**.

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