

DAVID
CARMONA

BIOGRAPHY



David Carmona Fernandez, native of Granada (Andalusia), belongs to a gypsy family where the flamenco is an expression form. Some family members, the "Fernandez de Illora", have been professionally dedicated to flamenco and they are known outside the family and local area, such as Ramon de Loja "El Moreno" (Diego "El Cigala's" father) or Morenito de Illora.

David Carmona has studied since the age of 13 with the master of flamenco **Manolo Sanlucar**, who said publicly: "David is my adoptive son, my only inheriting, he is the referent of the future in the guitar".

We can tell from David that he is a child prodigy of the guitar. At the age of 11, he won the Special Guitar Award at the I Flamenco Guitar Contest in Granada and when he was 12 years old he won the Hispamusic Award of Canal Sur Televisión, in the TV program "Veo Veo", recording his first album: "Tratante".

His artistic trajectory is very important, he has obtained several prizes, such as:

- **"Giraldillo"** to the Artist Revelation of the XVI Biennial of Flamenco Art.
- **Winner of the XXIII International Contest of Flamenco Guitar in Concert.** Organised by the Peña Flamenca "Los Cernicalos" from Jerez de la Frontera.
- **Author-SGAE Foundation Award** for the Composition of Dance Choreography.
- **"Young Creators" Award** of the Foundation Institute of Gypsy Culture.
- **Gold Badge for the artistic career** of Peña Flamenca "La Platería".
- **Nomination to the Best Musical Composition in the XVII Max Awards of the Scenic Arts.** For the "Suite Flamenca" composition of the work METAFORA for the Andalusian Ballet of Flamenco of the Department of Culture of the Regional Government of Andalusia, inaugurated in February 2012 in Jerez de la Frontera. de las Artes Escénicas.



Since 2006 **David Carmona** has accompanied *Manolo Sanlucar* in his concerts as second guitarist. In addition, he has accompanied great figures of singing and dancing world as: *Estrella Morente, Esperanza Fernandez, Diego "El Cigala", Morenito de Illora, Luis "El Zambo", Antonio Canales, Patricia Guerrero and Fuensanta "La Moneta"*. As a concert, he played at the London Guitar Festival, at the National Auditorium of Music or at the National Theater in Brasilia.

On 10 March 2017 was launched his **new album: "Un sueño de locura"** ("A dream of madness"). Great idols participate, such as: Manolo Sanlucar in the production, Estrella Morente singing, Arcangel, Carmen Molina and great musicians as Tino Di Geraldo and Agustin Diassera.

