

Cascada de Flores music group coming to LTCC

The core members of Cascada de Flores have been re-imagining Mexican tradition for years.

After falling for Mexican music as a young woman, Arwen Lawrence toured with Grammy-winning mariachi heavyweights Los Camperos de Nati Cano, an apprenticeship that honed her skills and deepened her love for Mexico's musical language. With them, she recorded and performed in venues such as the Teatro Degollado in Guadalajara and Lincoln Center in New York.

Jorge Liceaga grew up in Mexico City, buying his first guitar with the money he'd earned shining shoes. Self-taught, he was later mentored by local legend Leonardo Salas, a transplant from Yucatan, who taught Liceaga to play with that Yucatecan swing. He followed his sister and found himself among local masters of artistic communication: The flamencos of Gitanerías. From them he received a raw and complicated education, which contributed to his special sensitivity as accompanist.

The pair founded Cascada de Flores in 1999.

Tahoe Arts Project is bringing Cascada de Flores to Lake Tahoe Community College's Duke Theater on Feb. 2 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Adults are \$10 and children (through high school) \$5.

Cascada de Flores will be performing in the South Shore schools the week of Jan. 29.