

Voices of the South – Che Guevara, Love and the Umbrellas of Buenos Aires

Senderos is the new CD from Voces del Sur

Voces del Sur are the authentic heart of South America in Scotland, with spicy riffs, complex rhythms and seductively melancholic melodies and dance beats. The Edinburgh based band is led by stunning Chilean singer **Valentina Montoya Martinez** and Scottish virtuoso guitarist **David Russell**, with double bass player **May Halyburton** and Argentine percussionist **Gerardo Ballesteros**.

They perform in Spanish, drawing on a wide range of music within a broad umbrella of Latin American folk styles, including chacareras, zambas, joropos, vales, Cuban son, Afro-Peruvian songs and cuecas, much of it based on music from the Chilean New Song Movement. They aim to keep alive music traditions on the margins of mainstream culture and to celebrate their roots and social contexts.

Senderos, their first CD, is released on 8 August 2006. It aims to recreate the vitality of their live sound. There are 15 tracks, many recognisable from their live set, and several new ones.

There are songs from many parts of South America including Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina and of course, Chile. There are traditional folk songs about life on the land, like **Los Ejes de Mi Carreta** (the cartdriver whose cartwheels squeak), melancholic love songs which speak of the time the rain was first born and songs which celebrate the joy of dance and music. There are also political songs which grew out of revolution, strife and hardship, notably the opening **Hasta Siempre Comandante**, a moving tribute to Ernesto “Che” Guevara and **Las Ultimas Palabras** which was inspired by Chilean President Salvador Allende’s final speech before his death in 1973. An excerpt from the speech – broadcast live on radio - is included at the end of the track.

Senderos was recorded and produced by David Russell, who is a talented sound engineer as well as the lead guitarist. All the arrangements are by David and partner Valentina.

Senderos means Pathways and this CD is about the interweaving pathways that bring people from different cultures and countries together to make music and to share experiences.

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