

Latin / Celtic Rendezvous at Tapas Tree



Scottish/Chilean band **Voces del Sur** will welcome some very special guests to the Peña on **Sunday 29 July**, in the cosy basement area of the Tapas Tree Spanish restaurant, which has become the Peña's new home.

Banda Celtamericana are from Chile but play Celtic-inspired music. Their repertoire is based on their own compositions plus traditional music founded on the so called celtic musical tradition – from countries such as Ireland, Scotland and the NW regions of Spain of Asturias and Galicia, adding Latin American instruments, rhythms and melodies to the mix. The Peña has been organised at very short notice to take advantage of their availability in UK, following a chance meeting on myspace.

The members of Banda Celtamericana are extremely excited about their first visit to one of the homes of their music; and to be playing with Scottish based musicians, especially one as talented as singer Valentina, who has the added bonus of also being from Chile.

With selected bottled beers and tapas on special offer from £1.60, this promises to be a spicy, sensual combination of impassioned Latin American singing, Celtic sounds and bohemian mystique! Dancing shoes are highly recommended!

Tapas Tree owner Luis Letelier-Lobos said: ***"It is an honour to have these wonderful musicians performing here. Good food and good music – what better way to spend a Sunday evening!"***

A traditional Chilean **Peña** (pronounced *penya*), is a 'gathering' of musicians and poets who are on the fringes of mainstream culture - a meeting place at the centre of which is the main band. It is a space for folk music/culture, in the tradition of Violeta and Isabel Parra and other South American progressive artists. People come to listen, participate, dance and enjoy the candlelit atmosphere. With constantly changing special guests the Peña offers something different every night.

Voces del Sur are the authentic heart of South America in Scotland with spicy riffs, complex rhythms and seductively melancholic melodies and dance rhythms. Led by stunning Chilean singer **Valentina Montoya Martinez** and Scottish virtuoso guitarist **David Russell**, with talented double bass player **May Halyburton** and Argentine percussionist **Gerardo Ballesteros**, they perform 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 if it based on music from the Chilean New Song Movement.

Voces del Sur will also be appearing at **Traquair Fair** on Sat 4 & Sun 5 August.

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LISTINGS - VOCES DEL SUR

Sun 29 July, 8.30pm (till late)
£5 (tickets on the door)
Sat 4 & Sun 5 August

The Tapas Tree, Forth St, Edinburgh
Peña with Banda Celtamericana
Traquair Fair

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