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**EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS: "BENISE: THE SPANISH GUITAR"**  
**SAT., OCT. 15, 2011 at 8:00 PM**

**RICHARDSON, TX** – Benise's *The Spanish Guitar* has been hailed as "*The Latin Riverdance!*" A former street musician who is now a celebrated international guitarist, Benise and his Emmy award-winning *Nights of Fire* cast, perform the world music and dance spectacular *The Spanish Guitar* at the Charles W. Eisemann Center on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 8:00 pm - an *Eisemann Center Presents MainStage Show*. Benise, and his Emmy Award-winning PBS Special *Nights Of Fire* cast, are now touring with a new world music and dance production, *The Spanish Guitar*. This epic tale will transport the audience to exotic places: a Parisian cafe, a Flamenco Tapas Bar in Spain, an Arabian desert, a Venetian Masquerade ball and cobblestone streets of Old Havana. This new show features Benise's guitar as the keeper of the stories through time and worlds gone by. Brilliantly choreographed dance numbers and orchestral pieces accompany the stories that were sealed inside this magical instrument. Benise's *The Spanish Guitar* takes us on a journey to worlds both far and away and reminds us that hope can be the healing thread in all our lives.

The dancers in *The Spanish Guitar* were carefully handpicked from a global pool of some of the most brilliantly diverse talent to be found. Traditional Flamenco dancers, Broadway performers, and soloists previously featured with headliners Madonna, Gloria Estefan, and Ricky Martin, have all joined forces to make up Benise's female dancers - The Gitanas. Great additions to *The Spanish Guitar* will be appearances by renowned violinist Karen Briggs and Cuban drummer and percussionist Daniel de los Reyes.

Accompanying the tour is the release of *The Spanish Guitar* CD and DVD via One World Music and PBS video, which was filmed over three years and across 10 countries. *The Spanish Guitar* is directed by Raj Kapoor, who has worked with Josh Groban, *American Idol*, *Dancing With The Stars* and Britney Spears and choreographed by Brazilian-born and Emmy-nominated Alex Magno.

Tickets range from \$44-\$62 and are available online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the **Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650**. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling **972-744-4657**.

**The Charles W. Eisemann Center** is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. **The Eisemann Center** is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south, or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. **MainStage Show** sponsors and partners include *The Dallas Morning News*, *WFAA-TV*, Five for Five Sponsor Opportunity Bank and the UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities.

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