



Rhina started her flamenco journey while living in Atlanta, GA in the late 90s and was one of the original member of “Perla Flamenca Dance Company” formed by Sweden native, Ulrika Frank in 2001. After performing with the company for 3 years, *Rhina* started teaching flamenco in Atlanta Ballet in 2004. She also started performing independently and teaching in the south-eastern region of the US. Around the same time, she started to pursue her professional development by doing annual immersive training in southern Spain. In 2013, she moved to Seville to enhance her skills and further her career.

Rhina's style of dancing flamenco is influenced by highly recognized flamenco artists such as Angelita Vargas, Manuela Carrasco, El Torombo, Concha Vargas, Carmen Ledesma, Miguel el Funi, and Diego de La Margara. *Rhina* has also studied singing with Juan del Gastor and other artists such as Esperanza Fernandez and Inés Bacán. She has trained her *bata de cola* (a special costume with a long train) skills under the instruction of Alicia Marquez in Seville as well. Since moving to Seville, she has danced in various places such as peñas, Ferias, private fiestas, festivals and theaters; and she has given private lessons and group classes.

In November 2016, she participated to support an internationally recognized singer/dancer “festerero” Javier Heredia, in a television program “Foro Flamenco” on *Canal Sur* to celebrate flamenco as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity recognized by UNESCO. *Rhina* continues teaching her classes and co-teaches with Javier Heredia classes and workshops in Seville on on-going basis; and she also goes back to the U.S. and go to other international cities including Japan to teach and perform. For February to March of 2017 and 2019, *Rhina* traveled to 5 major cities of Japan to work in one-month long tour for the opera *Carmen* for Seiji Ozawa, an internationally recognized maestro, under the directions of New York based choreographer Sara Erde and New York Metropolitan Opera Stage director David Kneuss.

In 2019, she was invited to perform at the prestigious peña Torres Macarena. Later that year, she appeared in the 45th Festival Flamenco de Caceres with Perico Pañero and Javeir Heredia. In 2020, she participated in various summer festivals and Peñas de Guardia series.

in Recent Years:

2020

Aug/Sept *Verano en la City / Peñas de Guardias* Peña Cante al Aire y el Chozas (Sevilla)

With Mari Peña, El Pechuguita, Javier Heredia, and Antonia Moya

August *Festival Flamenco Chiclana con Salero* (Chiclana, Spain)

with Jose Pañero, Javier Heredia and Jose de Pura

August *Flamenco en Los Patios y Plazuelas* (Cadiz, Spain)

with Mari Peña, El Galli, Javier Heredia and Antonio Moya

March *Tablao Alegrias La Nacional* (New York, NY USA)

with Javier Heredia, Juana de Arco, Juan Pedro Relinque and Rafael Brunn

February *Noche Flamenca* (Savannah, GA USA) with Javier Heredia and J. Pedro Relinque

2019

On-going: Tablao Flamenco en *La Carboneria*

December: *Charitable Gala for Tio Nano* (Seville) with other artists such as Farruquito, Carmen Ledesma, Javier Heredia, El Torombo, Luis Amador, Jose Manuel Barrul "Farina".

November: *45th Festival Flamenco de Cáceres* (Cáceres, Spain) with singer Perico Pañero. *Homenaje in honor of guitarist Manolo Brenes at Peña Flamenca Torres Macarena* (Seville) along with other artists such as Remedio Amaya, Pepe Torres, Javier Heredia, Carmen Amaya, Samara Amaya, José Galvan, Antonio Moya, Pedro Sierra, Rafael el Cabeza, Manuel Brenes Hijo.

October: Private fiestas (Seville) with singer/dancer Javier Heredia, Encarna La Negra, Jose Heredia and guitarist Jose de Pura for *Urbanvoices*, french organization. Private Fiesta (Estepona, Malaga) with guitarist Paco de Amparo, singer/dancer Dani de Utrera, Javier Heredia, dancer Maria Montañó for a German company's *OctoberFest*.

September: *Peña El Carbonerillo* (Seville) with singer Natalia Marin, guitarist Antonio Gamez, and Javier Heredia.

July: *Tablao Noche Flamenca* (Algeciras) with singer/dancer Jose Pañero, Javier Heredia and guitarist Jose de Pura.

May: *Feria de Sevilla* with guitarist Paco de Amparo, singer/dancer Encarna la Negra, Javier Heredia. Private Fiesta at *Palacio de las Dueñas* (Seville) with Luis Mateo, Manuela Montoya, Jose Pañero, Javier Heredia, Manuel Peralta.

2018

November: *Festival Flamenco en la Caridad* (Algecira) with cantores, Jose Pañero, Manuela Montoya, Luis de Mateo, Javier Heredia and guitarist Curro Vargas.

October: *Tablao Flamenco at Laberinto ArtLAB* (Seville) with cantaores Mari Peña, Javier Heredia, guitarist Antonio Moya, and palmero Fernando Molina.

July: *XXVIII Festival de Cante Grande de Arriate* (Arriate, Malaga) with guitarist Paco de Amparo and cantaor Javier Heredia and more.

April: *Tablao Flamenco at Gallo Rojo* (Sevilla) with cantaor/bailaor Javier Heredia, cantaor Kisko de Alcalá, guitarist Julio Cortés.

Other artistic achievements:

Rhina has performed with numerous internationally recognized artists in various performances such as: *Tablao Casa de Esperanza* in Tokyo, Japan (June 2017); *Teatro Municipal Vicente Espinel* in Ronda, Spain (Dec. 2016); “*Ilusión Andalusia*” Shinsaikyo theater in Osaka, Japan (May 2016); Flamenco theater show “*Noche Gitana*” in Minneapolis (Feb. 2016); *Tablao Alegrías La Nacional* in New York (Dec. 2015), *The Atlanta Opera’s “Carmen*” (Nov. 2012); “*Flamenco*” with a guitarist and director of *Arte y Pureza*, Ethan Margolis (2012); “*Flamenco Night*” with a singer/festero, Javier Heredia of Seville, Spain (2011); “*Flamenco Verano*” with Antonio Hidalgo, the winner of Spain’s *2007 Premio Andaluz for Artistic Achievement* (2007); “*Flamenco MOTIONeMOCIÓN*” with dancer/choreographer Antonio Vargas (2006); and “*Arte y Compás*” with singer/guitarist José Gálvez of Jerez de la Frontera, Spain (2006).

Video links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBzYTox7IA8>

Por Solea en Peña Torres Macarena, Sevilla

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77ywbG75WL8>

Por Cantiñas de Pinini en Peña Torres Macarena, Sevilla

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e3pGwEE3XU>

Homenaje, Teatro Municipal Vicente Espinel en Ronda, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg8BpGB3B98>

La Peña *El Carbonerillo*, Seville, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waLQei81aac>

Tablao *Alegrias La Nacional*, New York

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLeGI1DB5vM>

“*Ilusión Andalusia*” *Shinsaibashi* theater, Osaka, Japan