

Los Flamencos flit into town

Fast footwork fascinates

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Whirling skirts, fast heelwork and superb flamenco guitar playing by El Curro y Los Flamencos de San Antonio received a reluctant standing ovation from a small audience in Rudder auditorium Tuesday

night. After a minute of steady, but not overwhelming applause, ab-

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out half the audience stood up to clap for the group's perform-

ance, which was presented by the MSC Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture.

The performance began with eight Mexican and Spanish dances.

The dancers seemed to be less than enthusiastic at the be-

ginning of the performance, but they became more dynamic as the night continued.

Several dances were flirtations between couples. In one dance the girls played coquettes using fans.

Another dance was a male solo without music. The dancer provided the dance's music with his heels.

El Curro, a flamenco guitarist, received a big response from the audience for his five solo performances.

He explained to the audience that flamenco guitarists try to "imitate a flamenco dancer."

He does four or five rhythms at one time. With one hand he beats on his guitar to imitate the dancers' sounds. His left hand plays the melody and his right hand plays an accompaniment. He adds bass sounds with his left thumb.

El Curro said he can add a fifth rhythm if he does well.

With a grimace on his face while playing, El Curro demonstrated each rhythm to the audience, which seemed to enjoy the demonstration and his chat.

His music's sound ranged from drums, maracas, an entire orchestra to an accordian.



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A member of the Los Flamencos de San Antonio performs in a "Cafe Scene" in 18th Century Sevilla, Spain," at Rudder Auditorium on Tuesday.



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