work. Javier di Ciraico is a larger-than-life singer with a rich, chocolate-like voice which compliments the excellent orchestra Quatrotango perfectly. When vocals and music are combined with such exuberant dancers and stunning costumes, the total effect becomes far more than the sum of its parts.

If you like your tango subtle, dark and mysterious or want a feel of the hardship and loneliness of the originators of tango, this show is not for you. Estampas Portenas are young, talented and humorous and they clearly love what they do. They are neither self indulgent nor irritatingly heavy, they'll dazzle you with their technique and their pace and style generates a buzz of its own. ●

Tour dates

Oct 4-6: Canterbury, Marlowe Theatre
Oct 7: High Wycombe, Swan
Oct 9-10: St Albans, Alban Arena
Oct 11: Northampton, Royal & Derngate
Oct 12: Nottingham, Royal Concert Hall
Oct 13: Birmingham, Symphony Hall
Oct 14: Liverpool, Philharmonic
Oct 16-17: Cambridge, Corn Exchange
Oct 18-19: Gateshead, The Sage
Oct 20: Derby, Assembly Rooms
Oct 21: Sheffield, Lyceum
Oct 23: Leicester, De Montfort Hall
Oct 24: Bradford, St George's Hall
Oct 26: Malvern, Malvern Theatres
Oct 27: Brighton, Dome
Oct 28: Basingstoke, The Anvil

Want more?

You can find excellent tango danced in demonstrations and short performances which may accompany live tango music, be part of a festival, a demonstration at a milonga, or to promote new lessons. There are too many performers to list here but the following will never disappoint:

Leandro Palou and Romina Levoy have a stunning pedigree of dance to critical acclaim, including *Tango por Dos*. A versatile pair, they are the only London-based couple who both have professional choreographic and dance experience. **www.tangosoul.co.uk**

David Benitez and Kim Schwartz recently moved to England from Buenos Aires. They met at *Tango por Dos* where David performed and Kim worked in PR. Their love of tango is clear in their precise, flowing movements. **www.tangomovement.com**

Cesar and Carolina perform athletic shows comprised either of pure tango or a fusion of tango and salsa. They perform demonstrations all over the UK, most recently at the Mayor's Thames Festival. **www.latinculture.net**



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