

Popular local band Tatewari plans international tour!

Tatewari (*Abuelo Fuego*) is a talented group I have been following here in Puerto Vallarta since 2011. They play weekly (Wednesday nights from 9 to 11 p.m.) at Cuates y Cuates, next to the pier in the Romantic Zone. The group is made up of three fellows who grew up together in La Cruz de Huanacastle and began playing guitar at a very young age. Their music is a very accomplished Flamenco guitar, gypsy and classical jazz with a touch of traditional Mexican sounds.

Recently I had the opportunity to go up the coast for a performance in their home town. It was indeed a treat for us as it was for them to be performing for their local friends and fans from over the years. The Octopus' Garden (*Jardin del Pulpo*) in La Cruz was packed with an enthusiastic crowd.

After the concert, I had a chance to sit down with Esau Galvan and chat about his childhood, his developing career as a master Flamenco guitarist and his plans for the future.

La Cruz was primarily a fishing town. As a young boy, Esau accompanied his father, sometimes for a week at a time, on fishing



trips for his business. The town, he told me, was quite different in those days as the Marina had not yet been built. According to him it was tranquil, close knit and a wonderful place to grow up. The construction of the Marina actually required land fill all the way up to the spot where the residents used to enjoy sunsets, the waves, and a swim at the beach. Much has changed but the town maintains a peaceful yet vibrant atmosphere fed by the sail boats and tourists attracted to the marina.

Esau studied with well known guitarist Wolfgang (Lobo) Fink, took classes in Guadalajara, studied music at the University in Tepic and more recently was

able to travel to Spain to study Flamenco Guitar with a maestro at the *Academia Cañaroto El Entri* in Madrid. He recounted with fondness his experiences, stories of his fellow students from around the world, and his impressions of Madrid and Granada during his fruitful three-month stay.

Since at least 2006, he and his lifetime friends Dani Ortega and Alberto "Mimi" Ramirez have formed the group Tatewari. Canadian friend and artist Sonny Davis joined them in 2011 bringing an added element to the band. These four talented guys are currently planning a 2019 Western Canada Tour for which they have set up a Go Fund Me

site to reach out to fans for help with the many expenses involved. As they have an ever-growing base of devoted fans, this should be very successful.

I definitely am one of those devoted fans who are supporting this effort. I hope you will visit tatewarimusic.com, enjoy their music and gallery of videos and photos, and take an active part in making this happen. YOU can be part of the action!

When I asked Esau what his dreams for the future were, he did not hesitate. "To play", he said without a second thought. Let's all help make this dream come true and bring the magic of Tatewari's music to the rest of the world.



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