

Tropicante

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Hailing from the sultry savannas of Colombia and the warm beaches of Panama, **Tropicante's** lead singers, Karin Stein and Ed East, express the many rhythms of Latin America's diverse cultures through their music.

Tropicante, formerly known as "Calle Sur - Latin Fiesta," is a 4-musician ensemble which has traveled nation-wide and internationally, bringing smiles to thousands with its contagious, upbeat music.

You'll be swinging and clapping to the Colombian "cumbia," the Dominican "merengue," the Venezuelan "tambor," the Brazilian "samba," and more. The ensemble's lively concerts are sprinkled with first-rate musicianship, anecdotes, and humor. **Tropicante** is a perfect act for Hispanic Heritage Month or any diversity event.

Lead singer and percussionist, Ed East, is Panamanian. His upbringing in Panama City meant noise, hustle, bustle, and those chaotic smells and sights so characteristic of any metropolis. Karin Stein, his Colombian partner, brings to the music of **Tropicante** the perspective of her upbringing in rural Colombia. She grew up on a remote farm in eastern Colombia.

Besides performing with **Tropicante**, both musicians play a wide range of musical styles ranging from folk, to classical, to jazz. Ed worked as a music teacher and band director in U.S. schools for 17 years before becoming a full-time performer. Karin has been a performer and lecturer for over 20 years.

In addition to its concerts, **Tropicante** offers a large range of educational programs.