



Los Llaneros

ENSEMBLE RÉSUMÉ

Founded in 1978.

Current Active Members:

René Devia. Colombian. Resident of the U.S.A.

Karin Stein. Colombian. Resident of Costa Rica and the U.S.A.

Edgar East. Panamanian. Resident of the U.S.A.

Budget permitting, harpist and accordionist Pavelid Castañeda (Colombian) is often invited to perform with the group, as is harpist Vidal Garzón (Colombia).

Specialty:

The music of the South American Llanos, or savannas, shared by Colombia and Venezuela. *Los Llaneros* perform this music on traditional instruments, such as the *llanero* harp, the *cuatro*, and the *bandola*, which evolved from the contact between the Indians of the Llanos region and the Spanish Jesuit missionaries who arrived in the Sixteenth Century. In addition, the ensemble includes music from other Latin American regions in each program.

Touring History:

1990 - Present Yearly international tours, including 2-3 tours in the United States.

1982 - Present An average of 20 professional performances per year in Costa Rica, presented at universities, colleges, art festivals, cultural centers, art museums, private receptions, and diplomatic functions.

1978 - 1982 Informal performances in Costa Rica

Award Highlights (group and individual):

2005 René Devia, harpist of *Los Llaneros*, is awarded the "Centauro de Oro" award (Golden Centaur Award) in Colombia, which is the highest honor given to an artist by the Colombian government.

2004 Karin Stein, member of *Los Llaneros*, is awarded Parents' Choice "Recommended" Award for her children's album, "Camaraca."

1995 *Los Llaneros* win second place as performers of a traditional *Llanero* folk tune, pre-selected by the jury of the *Llanero* Folk Festival in Villavicencio, Colombia.

1994 *Los Llaneros* win first place for "Best Original Song" at the International Folk Festival in San José, Costa Rica.

1983, 1984 Karin is given "Hill Award For Musical Excellence" by Grinnell College, Iowa.

Recordings:

2005 *La Voz Del Viento* (CD)

1999 *Macapay* (CD)

Soundtrack for CNN documentary, *Soldiers of Peace* (aired internationally)

1995 *Llano y Costa* (CD)

1991 *El Cachipay* (cassette and LP)

1987 *Corriente abajo* (cassette and LP)

1985 *Alma Llanera* (cassette and LP)