

About Juanita Newland-Ulloa & Picante Ensemble

"Please accept my warmest thanks for your participation, and that of the Picante Ensemble in our Cinco de Mayo Gala Dinner. We had hoped for just such a lively and inspiring performance to add to the atmosphere, and are pleased to credit you with starting the night out on a good note." *Salvador Aceveda, Deputy Director—Centro Cultural Mexicano San Francisco Mexican Consulate, SF, CA*

"It is a great pleasure to find in Juanita a singer who can cross over convincingly between the styles of operatic arias and several styles in different popular veins. Juanita's technique is fluent, her phrasing mature, and her delivery charged with dramatic emotional impact. Juanita is a born performer—she makes the audience feel their integral role in the performance, and knows how to treat everyone to a fine elegant evening." *Stockton Symphony, Stockton, CA*

"I believe the music, along with your beautiful singing, really touched the heart and soul of our visitors on very deep levels...I will never forget it." *Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA*

"The children were delighted by the opportunity to sing along with you, count in Spanish, and crow like a rooster. It was also a great opportunity for them to be exposed to a different part of the world. Staff and patrons had a wonderful time." *SF Public Library, SF, CA*

"Ms. Newland-Ulloa's success in providing entertainment to such a diverse group of students has resulted in her group being part of our Arts Appreciation Program repeatedly....The students that would not ordinarily participate in such programs were found tapping their feet to the beat of the music and singing the Spanish songs... I would recommend Ms. Newland-Ulloa without reservation." *Modesto City Schools, Modesto, CA*

"The children seemed captivated by the musical numbers in which they had the chance to sing-along, and the parents and teachers to whom we have spoken echoed our own judgment that the music added an important dimension to the afternoon." *Craft & Folk Art Museum, San Francisco, CA*

"We thank you for all you and your ensemble did to make our wedding unforgettable. I was so pleased to find that you have the classical training, and would perform the Gounod aria I'd dreamed of hearing as the processional at my wedding (which you did so beautifully, too.) My father, the opera buff, was very pleased." *Carlos Rubinstein and Adriana Lemus, San Leandro, CA*

"Thanks once more for making my birthday celebration one I will always remember. The only sad part was that it was over so quickly. Annette and I have spoken to most of the people who were here...everyone *loved* the band." *David McCord, Oakland, CA*

Mujeres (CD) is more than a treasure chest...The "more" refers to the way Juanita delivers these songs with such powerful singing that still is able to render every bit of the sensuality of these beautiful old love songs. Her song "Amame" has hit written all over it. *Russ Jennings, Producer/Promoter Festival At the Lake & Oakland Symphony*

"Raw emotion...Latina warmth...soaring soprano...that's *Mujeres!*" (CD) *Sonia BusSheva, SF National Academy Recording Artists Chapter*

"The renowned name of prodigy Juanita Ulloa has determined, among other things, that they will be invited again to perform in the next Olympics in Los Angeles." *Eduardo Llosa, General Consul of Peru*

"Their music was wonderful for our celebration of Day of the Dead. Everyone loved their performance. Thank you!" *Debbie McCreu, Triunfo & City of San Rafael, CA*