LAFERIA

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LATIN AMERICAN ARTS AND CULTURES



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WELCOME TO LA FERIA 2026

International Festival of Latin American Arts & Cultures

LA FERIA returns this October with its annual celebration of the brilliant creativity, rich cultural heritage and vibrant diversity of Latin America and we hope you can join us in the celebration with us.

Produced by **Luma Creations**, the festival brings together internationally acclaimed musicians, theatre-makers, dancers, visual artists, cultural practitioners and food vendors from across Latin America and the UK for an inspiring programme of live performances, exhibitions, workshops, talks and participatory events.

This year's festival theme invites all of us to explore **cultural identity, belonging, memory, courage, joy, and community.** We want to respond meaningfully and personally to the theme **"Belonging".** At a time of unrest and difficult situations we ask everyone to consider cultural heritage, celebration of ancestry and personal experience; to reflect on connection to and disconnection from place, identity and belonging.

At the heart of La Feria is a commitment to celebrating the many voices, traditions and contemporary cultures that make Latin America so unique. Through world-class artistic experiences, the festival creates opportunities for cultural exchange, shared understanding and meaningful connections between communities.

Whether you are discovering Latin American arts for the first time or reconnecting with your own cultural heritage, **La Feria warmly welcomes audiences of all ages and backgrounds to experience the colour, rhythm, stories and spirit of Latin America in the heart of Liverpool.**

We look forward to seeing you at the many different events throughout the week.

Francisco Carrasco
CEO & Creative Director

PROGRAMME

Visual Arts Exhibition – Belonging

Belonging is a celebration of the diverse voices and creative practices of UK-based artists of Latin American heritage. Bringing together a compelling collection of contemporary artworks, the exhibition explores themes of identity, memory, migration, home and cultural connection, offering insight into the many ways in which belonging is experienced and expressed.

Reflecting both personal and shared histories, the works reveal how culture is preserved, reimagined and passed between generations while continually evolving across places and borders. Through a rich range of visual languages, **Belonging** invites visitors to consider the connections that shape who we are and the communities we create.

Exhibition Dates & Venues

9–26 September
St George's Hall Visitors Centre

7 October–6 November
Unity Theatre, Hope Place, L1

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Discover the creativity, traditions and vibrant cultures of Latin America through our exciting programme of hands-on workshops.

From learning captivating rhythms with experienced musicians and singing traditional songs, to exploring the art of traditional Mexican embroidery, discovering the flavours of Latin American cuisine, or taking your first steps in Caporales, cumbia and other traditional dances, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Led by talented artists and practitioners from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Cuba and the UK, these welcoming sessions offer a unique opportunity to experience cultural traditions first-hand, learn new skills and immerse yourself in art forms that are rarely available in the UK.

As part of our collaboration with the Americas Research Network (ARENET) and Liverpool's World Museum, La Feria welcomes three exceptional artisans from Tamachij Chihuatl, a collective of over 100 Indigenous Nahua women from Hueyapan, Puebla, Mexico. For 40 years, they have preserved traditional textile practices, creating wool textiles using natural dyes. Their name means "handmade."

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Wed 7 – 3-4.30pm
Latin American Drum Workshop looking at various rhythms from the continent with FRANCISCO CARRASCO (Chile) at the Treasure Theatre, World Museum.

Thurs 8 – 1-2.30pm
Latin American Music Workshop with the amazing award-winning duo **CAMILA y SILVIO** at the Music Room, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

Fri 9 – 1-2.30pm
ORCHESTRA MAMBO INTERNATIONAL Salsa and Latin Music workshop at the Music Room, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall.

Fri 9 – 3-4.30pm
Traditional Mexican Embroidery Workshop with **TAMACHIJ CHIHUATL** at the World Museum.

Sat 10 – Midday
Food Workshops at World Museum with **TAMACHIJ CHIHUATL.**

Sun 11 – 2.00pm
Latin American Dance workshops at The Black-E. with **GRETA CANO (Mexico) & MAVI IRUSTA (Bolivia).**

Join us for free creative workshops. Register via the QR code or laferiafestival.uk. Places are limited, so book early!



MANUELITA

by POPELEI

8pm, Wednesday 7th October
Unity Theatre
Tickets £15

Discover the extraordinary story of **Manuelita Sáenz,** the Ecuadorian revolutionary and trusted companion of Simón Bolívar, in this acclaimed one-woman play.

Blending powerful storytelling, physical theatre, comedy and live music, Manuelita celebrates the courage, passion and resilience of one of Latin America's most influential women. Performed by Tamsin Hurtado Clarke with live music from Colombian guitarist Camilo Menjura, the production brings history vividly to life while exploring themes of freedom, identity and social change.

Winner of the **Top of the Fringe Award at the Edinburgh Festival,** Manuelita is a dynamic and moving celebration of a remarkable woman whose legacy continues to inspire.

18-year-old Argentinian-British musician, **Eli Rowley** opens the event by bringing Argentine folklore and Andean music to life through the ronroco, a larger member of the charango family.

Inspired by artists including Gustavo Santaolalla and Jaime Torres, Eli combines traditional Latin American rhythms with original arrangements and compositions. Performed solo, the ronroco's haunting, resonant sound takes centre stage, showcasing the instrument's versatility while introducing the audience to a distinctive instrument rarely heard in the UK.

CAMILA Y SILVIO & PEREGRINOS



8pm, Thursday 8th October

Music Room,
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Tickets £15 & £18

Camila y Silvio return to **La FERIA** Festival following their magical, sold-out show in 2022. Rooted in Andean and Latin American folk traditions, the award-winning Chilean duo blends rich musical heritage with a fresh, vibrant energy.

With warmth, authenticity and captivating stage presence, they breathe new life into traditional sounds, creating music that celebrates shared histories, breathtaking landscapes and the universal emotions that connect us.

Their acclaimed debut album En el borde de la Noche won the **2020 Pulsar Award for Best Root Music Artist in Chile,** establishing Camila y Silvio as leading voices in contemporary Latin American folk.



PEREGRINOS is an innovative Chilean duo blending the rich traditions of Chilean folk with the freedom and spontaneity of jazz. Raimundo Santander and Rodrigo Recabarren create a distinctive sound rooted in cultural heritage, improvisation and storytelling. Their captivating performances offer a vibrant journey through Chilean music, where tradition meets experimentation.





ORCHESTRA MAMBO INTERNATIONAL



8pm, Friday 9th October

Music Room,
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall
Tickets £15

Orchestra Mambo International (OMI) brings the explosive energy of mambo, salsa dura and Afro-Cuban jazz to La FERIA. This 13-piece Latin big band unites exceptional musicians from across Latin America and the UK, blending the sounds of legends such as Tito Puente and Celia Cruz with a fresh, contemporary edge.

Known for electrifying live performances at festivals including Glastonbury, OMI make their **Liverpool debut,** joined by Venezuelan vocalist Carlos Peña and special guest Claritzel Miyares from Cuba. Expect soaring brass, infectious rhythms and an unforgettable celebration of Latin music.

Cuban singer-songwriter, **George Peguero,** returns to La Feria with his signature blend of heartfelt storytelling and infectious rhythms. Drawing on his Cuban roots and a passion for melody, George creates music that invites audiences to listen, move and connect.

Audiences can expect an energetic performance filled with vibrant grooves, memorable songs and the unmistakable spirit of Cuba.

WORLD MUSEUM TAKEOVER

12–5pm, Saturday 10th October

World Museum
FREE ENTRANCE

***Presented in partnership with the World Museum and the Global Cultures Collections Team as part of the Cuerpos del Tiempo project to re-imagine the Americas Gallery.**

Experience the World Museum like never before as La Feria transforms its galleries into a vibrant celebration of Latin American arts and culture.

Throughout the day, the museum will come alive with **live music, dance, storytelling, workshops and participatory activities,** creating an unforgettable journey through the rich cultures, traditions and creativity of Latin America.

Meet artists and practitioners from **Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Venezuela** and beyond, as they fill the museum with infectious rhythms, captivating stories, colourful traditions and joyful encounters.

Whether you're dancing to live music, discovering new cultures through hands-on activities, or sharing stories with family and friends, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Join us for a day of music, movement, creativity and celebration—a unique family-friendly experience where Latin America takes over World Museum!



KILLABEATMAKER & MARI MERENDA

8pm, Saturday 10th October

DISTRICT
Tickets £15



Over the past two years, Killabeatmaker and his band have completed three European tours, performing across more than 70 cities and at major festivals and cultural events worldwide. Continuing their international journey in 2026, they bring an innovative and powerful fusion of Colombian tradition and contemporary electronic music to audiences across the globe.

Hailing from Medellín, Colombia, **Killabeatmaker** fuses traditional Colombian sounds with electronic production, urban grooves, deep bass and global rhythms. His energetic, interactive live shows combine beatboxing, rap, vocals and live beats. He is joined by Guadalupe Giraldo on percussion, Colombian gaita and vocals, and Julian Ramírez on percussion and backing vocals.

On her first visit to Liverpool and the UK, the rising Brazilian singer-songwriter Mari Merenda brings her live performance with music from 'Reverbero' (latest EP). With an expressive voice and a magnetic stage presence, Mari breathes new life into contemporary Brazilian music. As a multi-instrumentalist and singer, Mari will be playing the piano and the asalto (a traditional West African percussion and rhythm instrument). She will be performing with Guilherme Monteiro (bass, guitar & vocals).

Mari Merenda from Brazil



A TASTE OF LATIN AMERICA



12–5pm, Sunday 11th October
The BLACK-E
FREE ENTRANCE

Join us at **The Black-E** for the spectacular finale of **La Feria 2026** — a vibrant celebration of Latin American arts, culture and community. Bringing together Latin American communities from across Liverpool and beyond, the Finale creates a space to **connect, share traditions, celebrate identity and build new cultural connections.**

Enjoy an unforgettable day of **live music, DJs, dance, hands-on workshops, delicious Latin American food and creative activities for all ages.** From traditional folk and contemporary sounds to dance, food and family activities, discover the rich cultural heritage and diversity of Latin America and its communities in Liverpool.

Come and celebrate with us:

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Featuring outstanding artists representing **Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala,** Venezuela and beyond, the Finale celebrates the many cultures, histories and traditions that make Latin America so vibrant — while highlighting the important contribution of Latin American communities to the cultural life of Liverpool.

Artists include:

EL GUAPO & CATRIONA PRICE
(Argentina, Scotland)

ARTPER UK
(Peru)

WAYTA SISA
(Ecuador)

INTI TUSUY
(Bolivia, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, UK, Venezuela)

COLIBRI
(Mexico)



VENUES

AND ADDRESSES

01 **St George's Hall Visitors Centre**
St George's Place, Liverpool, L1 1JJ

02 **Unity Theatre**
1 Hope Pl, Liverpool L1 9BG

03 **Music Room Liverpool Philharmonic Hall**
Philharmonic Hall, Sugnall St, Liverpool L1 9BP

04 **World Museum**
William Brown St, Liverpool L3 8EN

05 **District**
61 Jordan St, Liverpool L1 0BE

06 **The Black-E**
The Blackie, 1 Great George St, Liverpool L1 5EW

PERFORMERS

PERFORMER	COUNTRY
KILLABEATMAKER	Colombia
ORCHESTRA MAMBO INTERNACIONAL	Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Spain, UK, Venezuela
CAMILA Y SILVIO	Chile
MARI MERENDA	Brazil
PEREGRINOS	Chile
POPELEI	Colombia, UK
EL GUAPO & CATRIONA PRICE	Argentina, Scotland
ELI ROWLEY	Argentina, UK
GEORGE PEGUERO	Cuba
DJ MUVELO	Costa Rica
COLIBRÍ	Mexico
ARTPER UK	Peru
COMPARSA LA BOMBA	Chile, UK
INTI TUSUY	Bolivia, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, UK, Venezuela
WAYTA SISA	Ecuador
VALENTINO	Costa Rica/Colombia
STREET BAND	Chile, Venezuela, UK

MORE INFO & TICKETS

LUMA CREATIONS



ABOUT LUMA CREATIONS

Luma Creations is the North of England's leading Latin American arts and culture organisation, based in Liverpool. We explore, celebrate and champion Latin American arts and culture, challenging stereotypes while showcasing the richness and creativity of the region and its diaspora.

Our year-round programme of events, workshops and artist development connects communities and elevates underrepresented voices. With a team spanning four continents, we believe in the power of the arts to unite and inspire. La Feria, our flagship festival, brings this mission to life.

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