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The music we play involves two different styles: gypsy and tango, whose blending gives rise to unique genre characterized by the passion and the euphoria coming from gypsy music and the melancholy and nostalgia from Argentinian tango.

Our music is sensitive and descriptive for it brings to mind the life experiences of Eastern European gypsies by means of chords and sounds that spring from Argentinian tango.

The songs, either sung in Romani or only instrumental, create a colourful palette of sounds which give testimony of gypsy stories and scenarios portraying a spring morning, gatherings around the fire, cold evenings and the galloping of distant horses. They also describe the wind, dances, loves and dreams.

Everything is there  
calling upon you to feel...

## Biography



### Alejandro Montero - Guitar

A self-taught artist, he developed a great ability in the art of strings -Guitar, Balalaika, Bouzuoki, Violin, Tambura, Saz and Mandolina-, which gave flavour to his balkanic, oriental and gypsy interpretations. He took part in Greek, Arabian, Jewish and Armenian bands (I-Xenites, Mikonos Ensemble, Sefardi Ensemble). He has been invited to participate in important scenarios in South America as well as throughout Europe. Together with David Macchione they founded "Zíngaros", a project with which they recorded three albums (one was reedited in England) and were part of international music compilations. In 2016 he founded "Tzigan, Gypsy Tango Trío" with David Macchione.



### David Macchione - Violin

Music Professor. He studied violin at the Suzuki oriented school and musical composition at the National University of Córdoba, Argentina. He made incursions into various popular styles (like tango and Argentine folklore music). He performed as a guest musician with well-known artists, such as León Gieco and The Calligaris. In July 2004, together with Alejandro Montero they founded the gypsy tango band "Zíngaros". In 2016 both founded "Tzigan, Gypsy Tango Trío".



### Astor Cuquejo - Bandoneon

From a very young age, the bandoneon awakened in him a deep passion for Tango, guiding his studies toward composition and performance on this instrument. He was invited as a soloist to prestigious events, where he stood out alongside the Teatro del Libertador Youth Academic Orchestra. In his constant musical quest, he joined the "Orquesta Provincial de Música Ciudadana de Córdoba" as a permanent substitute in 2019 and collaborated with ensembles such as the Provincial Symphonic Band and the Big Band Jazz from La Colmena Institute. His virtuosity led him to be invited by essential figures in tango, such as maestro Osvaldo Piro. In October 2025, he joined Tzigan.



## Festival appearances



Fusion Festival (Germany), Festival de Tango (Argentina), Donauinsel fest (Austria), Breminale Festival (Germany), Vincoli Sonori Gypsy and Klezmer Festival (Italy), Roma Festival (Slovakia), Small Nations Festival (UK), Officina (Poland), Vamos Festival (UK), Aarhus Jazz Festival (Denmark), Birmingham Jazz Festival (UK), Festival de la Masa Vienesa (Argentina), Festival Internacional del Café (Argentina), Ethno Jazz Festival (Poland), Zoa Weltmusik Festival (Austria), Festival del Lago, (Argentina), International Jazz Festival - San Martín Theatre (Argentina), Romane Dyvesa (Poland), Christopher Summer Festival (Lithuania), Colour Meeting Festival (Czech Republic), Gypsy Festival (Germany), Jazz Festival (Denmark), Sunnsein Tanzfest (Austria), Nights of Naumburg (Germany), Dresdner Schlössernacht (Germany), Aub'n Air Festival (Germany), Festival Otoño Polifónico (Argentina), Festival Despegamos (Argentina), Festival Huella Gitana (Chile). Tzigan has also performed in many theatres, culture houses and jazz clubs around the world.

The band (as "Zíngaros") was nominated for the Songlines Music Awards 2014 in two Categories: Best Group and Newcomer.

## Tv, Documentaries, Theatre

TV Programme: "Bien de Córdoba", Canal 10, Argentina (2017)  
Documentary: "Lolas verrückte Welt", Germany (2014)  
"Labas Rytas Lietuva", Lithuanian National TV (2013)  
"Conectados", Canal Encuentro, Argentina (2012)  
Art in the Streets, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2012)  
"We Art Water" Film Festival, EEUU (2012)  
TV Programme: "Me.cem" Slovak TV, Slovakia (2011)  
Festival Universitario de Música y Arte, Argentina (2011)  
Theatre Performances, Argentina (2010)  
"Los personajes de los Jueves", Canal 8, Argentina (2009)  
TV Programme: "Stop TV", Canal 8, Argentina (2008)

## Press Reviews



“The music is touching. It takes you away, it captivates and fascinates [...] sounds full of excitement and rhythmic fire.”

(Stadtzeitung Augsburg, Germany)

“The band especially creates an impact with its fantastic sightless interaction. Each break, each unisono, each time change functions as if from one single cast. The other of the band’s strengths is the loud-picturesque representation of musical images. It’s the travelling people who carry the manifold musical influences from all around the world within themselves.” (Ingolstadt Donaukurier)

“The group presents an Irresistible Fusion of Tango and Gypsy Music. (...) Sharply worked tracks and lush musical phrasing of guitar, violin and accordion speaks to the blend of gypsy with the tango, but what makes the music irresistible is the utter joy of these musicians that ekes through to the listener on each and every track. This musical kaleidoscope brims over with clever musicianship, potent emotionalism and flat out good fun” (World Music Central)

“Who knows how the harmony of the gypsy people entered into the soul of these three artists, not wherefrom did they extract this so particular balance of mixture with the sounds of the River Plate region.” (La Mañana de Córdoba)

“Great skill and pure joy in playing made this concert an unforgettable journey through different cultures. With passionate intensity, the trio took its audience into the world of gypsy tango, Eastern European Roma music, and jazz... a unique musical combination of Eastern European folk music and tango, which is so typical of the Argentine zest for life” (Switzerland)

“...the melodic and lyric depth takes us on a ride between wagons and routes of Russian gypsies.” “With instrumental virtuosity and a deep respect for lyrics... ”. “...tremendous melodic rises of the violin are accompanied or sometimes even doubled by the accordion, so enarmonic and, as the guitar, very forceful.” (Docta Jazz)

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“...music made of almost violent contrasts between the rise of anger and the despondency of the melancholy. [...] a very good work, original and played with the necessary intensity.” “The trio is one of the most attractive groups that offers our scene”. (La Voz del Interior).

“...the violin [is] the musical 'soul' of every topic, the emotive reservoir, the ark of the colors. Harmonic, glissandos, blows of arch, warbles, the rich singing of the violin proposed a microtonal music, melismatic, tremendously atavistic, loaded of humanity.” (La Mañana de Córdoba)

“A unique style, full of passion and euphoria” (Jablonecký Deník / Czech Republic)

“...it holds the merit of having seriously rescued the cultural elements of the gypsy community of Eastern Europe and introduced typical features of the folkloric music of our country.” (La Mañana de Córdoba, Argentina)

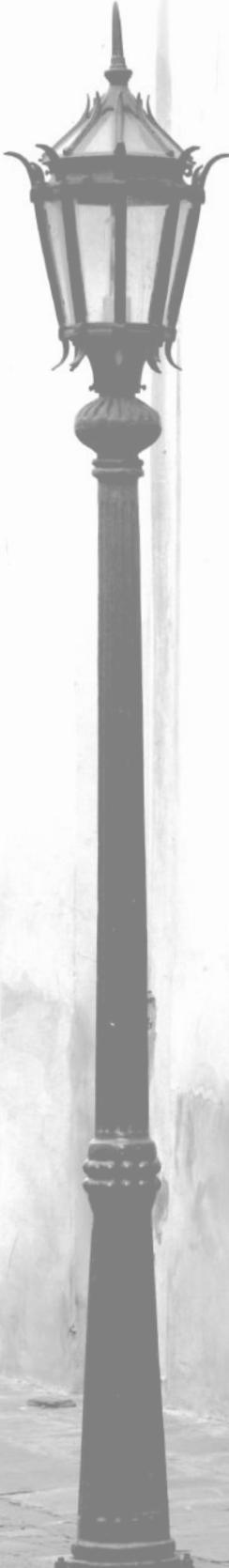
“...the trio link it (the tango) with the Gypsy swing from Eastern Europe; they look deeply into the Russian soul with an Argentine heart and suggest that the Río de la Plata flows straight through the Taiga. These musicians demonstrate at the highest level their own way of dealing with musical tradition, using virtuosity and a compositional skill...”  
(Ingolstadt Donaukurier)

“...mixing folkloric music and the melodies from the River Plate region, the trio knew how to innovate in the musical circuit of our city, with a more than original alternative of distinguished quality.” (La Mañana de Córdoba)

“The result is world music of the highest caliber. The musicians not only distinguish themselves through their virtuoso playing, but also create their own unique style of music by reinterpreting musical traditions... These touching moments also make the concerts of the Trio Tzigan unforgettable.”  
(Sarganserländer, Switzerland)

“Unique... A unique pulse, and an Argentinean breath; new airs for the gypsy music...”

# Discography



## Tabor - Around the Bonfire

(2023)

Compositions born in milongas, stages, festivals, nightclubs, jams, and exotic locations.



## Gypsy Tango Argentina

Live in Concert (2020)

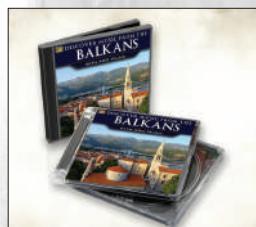
Tzigan in concert, an album full of energy and emotion that only a live recording can convey.



## Gypsy Fire Tango Soul

(2018)

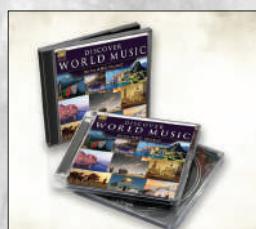
An emotional performance that transports you from the Taiga to the River Plate of Argentina.



## Discover Music from The Balkans

(2016) (Compilation)

Styles and genres from beautiful Bulgarian a cappella singing, fiery Gypsy music to Bosnian wistful Sevdalinka and Turkish Çiftetelli.



## Discover World Music

(2015) (Compilation)

Styles and genres from beautiful Bulgarian. An unimaginable wealth of inspirational music to be found around the world! A glimpse at the variety and scope and sheer listening pleasure available.

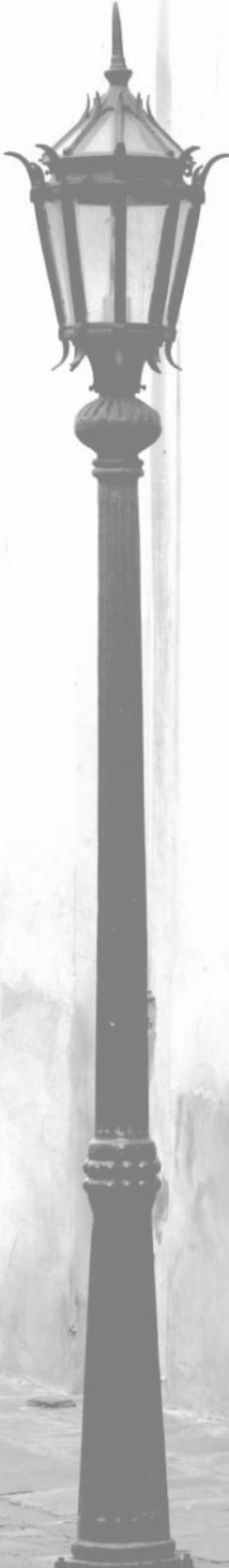


## The very best of TANGO Argentino

(2013) (Compilation)

Tango masterpieces, from Piazzolla to the fiery fiddles of Gypsy tango!

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ARC Music Artist  
WOMAD Sampler  
(2013)

Great selection of the best of world music!



Gitango (2012)

Gypsy meets Tango! Songs in Romani and Russian, fiery instrumental pieces.



35th Anniversary ARC Music  
(2012) (Compilation)

A great international mix of tribal, world and folk music.



Russian Gypsy Soul  
(2011) (Appearance)

Fiery, passionate and romantic gypsy music played on violin, accordion and guitar.



Gypsy music from  
Eastern Europe (2010)  
(International edition)



Cirkari (2008)  
(Argentinean edition)

Gypsy music and songs from the Balkans, Hungary, Romania & Russia.



Black Eyes  
(2004)



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