

Mountain Spirit Institute, Sponsoring Traditional Folklore Peruvian Music in the USA

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The mission of Mountain Spirit Institute is to facilitate one's connection to self, each other and the environment. Participants will have a greater appreciation and understanding of their own resources, of other individuals around them, as well as a better sense of their place in the natural world. Self reliance, compassion, service, centeredness, physical fitness and interpersonal community-building, as well as caring for, and understanding of the natural environment, are hallmarks of our mission.

We're a hybrid, a cross between an experiential wilderness program, and a holistic learning center, with a continuum of elements from both experiential education and spiritual development. Some programs are solely wilderness or foreign based, while others are workshop based, but both have their roots in our unique mission.

MSI is committed to raising public awareness of environmental issues that directly affect our lives, such as global climate change, peak oil and sustainable living.

Our Proposal to You: An opportunity to help bring Chimu's to the USA

What: Peruvian Folklore band "Chimu's", from Cusco Peru performs and teaches in Salt Lake, Park City and New Hampshire/Vermont Late August through Early October. Their P-3 Permit and Visas have been approved by the US Government and Embassy. This is their first visit to the U.S.

Why: Audiences and students will experience classic folklore music from the Andes on traditional instruments. The group will also share the philosophy and history of their music and instruments

The Benefits: A valuable family and community activity, Intercultural exposure and understanding, low cost, genuine foreign performance from the Peruvian Andes. Benefits to your business: association with a wholesome cultural activity.

The Budget: International Travel Costs: 3300.00; Lodging and Food: \$1350; Total: 4650.00. The Band will also be earning some money when they perform, but this will not cover expenses. Some performances at schools will not compensate the musicians.

Your opportunity to help: We are offering you the opportunity to be one of ten businesses supporters in Utah and New Hampshire to help bring Chimu's to the U.S. *One hundred percent* of your \$465.00 contribution will go towards Chimu's 4650.00 travel expense to and from the U.S. and your business will be acknowledged for your support, (see cover letter for details). MSI is a 501-(c)-3 non profit organization.



Programs

Peruvian Music Education & Performances



Overview:

Mountain Spirit Institute sponsors: Chimu's

USA- Peruvian Music Exchange
Educational Artist in Residence Program & Performance Programs in the USA
FALL 2008

Mountain Spirit Institute welcomes Cusco musicians Guillermo Seminario, Augusto Taype, and Mario Montalvo to the USA to teach and perform for numerous venues for the Fall of 2008. They are three

anchors of "A talented, passionate and dynamic band, with great personalities." says Randy Richards, Executive Director.

All are natives of Peru. They will perform, and offer educational programs during this first visit in the U.S. under special invitation of Mountain Spirit Institute. All are professional musicians and gifted teachers. An integral part of their teachings and performances is the spiritual and meditative aspect of traditional Andean folklore music, and Guillermo Seminario has worked extensively with various educational organizations in this respect.

Guillermo is the musical director of the Cusco 5-piece band "Chimu's", which has two [CD's](#) (*Q'ori Pank'arita & Magical Melodies*) and a local following to its credit. The band has been together for over 6 years and continues to play on a daily basis in the restaurants and private functions in downtown Cusco.

Guillermo is also the coordinator for the [Cusco Music Exchange](#) sponsored by Mountain Spirit Institute in Cusco, where interested "gringo musicians", both professional and amateur, can learn about Peruvian instruments, rhythms, history and perform in Cusco with their fellow "Chimu's" musicians and teachers.

Songwriter Click Horning says of Chimu's, "After seeing a video of Chimu's playing in Cusco, I thought, these guys are good enough for NPR's Prairie Home Companion. They're technically, very good musicians, and have a wonderful style."

DETAILS:

Educational Programs for K-12 and Colleges in the USA

- Chimu's Band members will teach about Peruvian Music
- Introduction to Peruvian Instruments
- History & importance of Peruvian Folklore Music
- Some hands-on Instruction on making certain Peruvian Instruments such as flutes and zampoñas
- Instruction on playing zampoñas, charangos, Peruvian flutes and other Andean folklore instruments.

Mountain Spirit Institute Peruvian Music Intensive Workshop

- Participants spend a fall week-end in 2008 with Chimu's, learning many aspects of Peruvian culture, music and history in a beautiful setting.
- Location: Sunapee, NH: lakeside home will be the base and classroom for this weekend workshop.

Performances in the USA

- Chimu's in northern New England and are available for booking, please contact MSI for performance info.
- Chimu's are planning on playing at various venues in NH. The 2008 SunFest & Sunapee Summer Concert Series plus regional opera houses, university stages and town bandstands and universities.
- Peruvian Folklore Andes music with zampoña, flute, charango, guitar and drum, and vocals.

Music Therapy

- Chimu's will also be available to perform in nursing homes. The soothing and spiritual aspects of Andean flutes and instruments have incredible healing qualities for people of all ages, especially the infirmed.

Guillermo Seminario is the musical director "Chimu's", and coordinates the Cusco Music Exchange Program for MSI. He is a talented performer, having played various instruments since an early age. His interest in music led him to participate in five different

cultural/educational organizations for a number of years. Guillermo also makes professional grade instruments such as Zampoñas, pan pipes, flutes and charangos. He, and others, will be in the USA performing and teaching in the Fall of 2007. Guillermo states, "Just as we depend upon the sun, we can't exist without the strength, warmth and inspiration of music." Guillermo speaks Spanish and English.

Agusto Taype, hails from Julliacca, near the shores of Lake Titicaca. Before Chimu's he has performed with the folklore group Wayra Llacta, meaning "place of the wind". When Agusto traveled to Cusco for its famed Inti Raymi festival, there he met Guillermo and they became fast friends and musical partners forming the group Chimu's. Agusto also makes zamponas, flutes, weaves tapestries a bit, and even "a little bit of pottery."



Mario Montalvo calls Cusco his home. He has studied voice and guitar, charango, flute and zampoñas. He was previously part of the group KMT Unima and had been a choral director in various parishes in Cusco. He's been teaching guitar to students of various ages in Cusco for a number of years. He's been in Chimu's for two years and can belt it out like few others. His guitar work is solid and his attitude is wonderful. Mario and his wife are now parents of a new baby girl.



Our free promotional DVD of Chimu's is available to interested venues. Please contact the MSI Office and we'll send one to you.

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