SPANISH GUITAR SOLOS played by CARLOS MONToya
MALAGUENA • TANGO • JOTA
SPANISH DANCE NO. 1 • ALEGRIAS
Bulerias • Media Granaina • Zambrilla
NOTES • 1-10" 33 1/3 rpm L.P. Record • FOLKWAYS RECORDS N.Y.
MALAGUEÑA

This music is usually sung in Malaga. Montoya has made a solo arrangement including the "copla" or song which Argentinita interpreted through her castanets.

TANGO

Here Montoya combines the rhythm of the rumba and tango flamenco.

MEDIA GRANADA

As the name indicates, this music is from Granada in the heart of Andalusia. First the flamenco played the "Granada" with its long "tercios" of song. This more modern version of the flamenco song is called "Media Granada" because the cuts of the song are shorter. It was popularized with the similar "coplas" of "Malagueñas" and "Fandanguillos" by singers such as Manuel Bellejo and Marchena. In his own version, Carlos Montoya plays the "copla" on the guitar.
JOTA

The Jota Aragonese comes from the province of Aragon and is danced in all the "fiestas". Carlos Montoya's arrangement is a guitar solo ending in incredibly fast "rasgueados".

BULERIAS

A typical Spanish gypsy or flamenco dance from the province of Andalusia, particularly around Jerez. It is sometimes called Spanish Boogie-Woogie as the gypsies improvise fast and tricky rhythms. This arrangement by Montoya includes some of the melodies collected by Garcia Lorca and some of his own flamenco variations.

ALEGRIAS

A traditional Spanish gypsy or flamenco dance. For a woman the costume is usually the "bata de cola" of starched percale with a train of at least one yard and many ruffles. This does not hamper the "bailaora" but accentuates the importance of the smallest gesture. The "alegrias" is always danced to guitar accompaniment. There are many sudden changes of rhythm which the dancer must indicate to the guitarist by a code of "desplantes" or "breeds".

ZAMBRILLA

This exciting rhythm is the real zambrilla of the gypsies with intricate and tricky contratempos in fast, "steady" tempo unlike any of the written Spanish music.

Note

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