



Born in Japan and having moved to the US at a young age, Rhina began studying flamenco almost 30 years ago in Atlanta, GA, where she was living at the time. Since 2013, she has been active in various flamenco strongholds, including Seville and Jerez, Spain, performing in peñas, Ferias, private fiestas, festivals, and theaters. Over the years, her teaching career and performance opportunities have expanded beyond the US and Spain to Japan, France, Singapore, and more. Highlights of her recent work include the *45th Festival Flamenco de Caceres (2019)*, *Peñas de Guardia* series (2020), and both the *Festival de Jerez* and *XXX Palma de Plata “Ciudad de Algeciras” (2022)*. Other notable work includes dancing in the opera *Carmen*, directed by internationally acclaimed maestro *Seiji Ozawa*, in five major cities in Japan, under the direction of New York–based choreographer *Sara Erde* and New York Metropolitan Opera stage director *David Kneuss*.

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Highlights of her most recent work in Spain include: the *52nd Festival de Cante* en Casabermeja (2023) with el Rancapino Chico amongst others, *XXX Palma de Plata “Ciudad de Algeciras”* with Luis de Mateo and Jose de Pura (2022), and *Festival de Jerez* in La Peña Buleria with Jose Pañero and Remedio Reyes (2020). She now frequently appears in the *Peña Torres Macarena*, Seville’s most prestigious and the oldest flamenco association. In September 2021, Rhina won the first place in the dance competition in Utrera (*Concurso de Baile por Bulerías Ciudad de Utrera*), a town considered as one of the cradles of flamenco.

In November 2016, she participated in a television program “**Foro Flamenco**” on *Canal Sur* to support an internationally recognized singer/dancer “festero” *Javier Heredia* and to celebrate flamenco as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity recognized by UNESCO.

Other related work includes the opera *Carmen* by *Seiji Ozawa*, an internationally recognized maestro. *Rhina* was contracted twice (2017 and 2019) as one of 6 dancers under the directions of New York based choreographer, *Sara Erde* and New York Metropolitan Opera Stage director, *David Kneuss*. She toured 5 major cities in Japan with the company.

Other notable performances:

Verano en la City / Peñas de Guardias 2020 Seville, Spain (*Peña Cante al Aire y Peña el Chozas*)

Tablao Alegrías La Nacional New York, USA (2020, 2017 & 2015)

Homenaje a Manolo Brenes en Peña Torres Macarena Seville, Spain (Nov 2019)

Peña El Carbonerillo Seville, Spain (Sept 2019)

Tablao Noche Flamenca Algeciras, Spain (Julio 2019)

Peña Torres Macarena Seville, Spain (Enero 2019)

Tablao Casa de Esperanza Tokyo, Japan (2017 & 2023)

Teatro Municipal Vicente Espinel Ronda, Spain (2016)

“**Ilusión Andalusia**” *Shinsaikyo theater* in Osaka, Japan (May 2016)

Flamenco theater show “**Noche Gitana**” & “**Tablao Flamenco**” in Minneapolis, USA (2016-2023)

The Atlanta Opera’s “Carmen” (Nov. 2012)

“**Flamenco**” with a guitarist and director of *Arte y Pureza*, Ethan Margolis (2012)

“**Flamenco Night**” with a singer/festero, *Javier Heredia* of Seville, Spain (2011)

“**Flamenco Verano**” with Antonio Hidalgo, the winner of Spain’s *2007 Premio Andaluz for Artistic Achievement* (2007)

“**Flamenco MOTIONeMOCIÓN**” with dancer/choreographer Antonio Vargas (2006)

“**Arte y Compás**” with singer/guitarist José Gálvez of Jerez de la Frontera, Spain (2006)

Social Media (for more recent work):

Instagram: @rhina.artelavida

TikTok: @rhinabaileflamenco

Facebook: Rhina Motohkaw

Video links:

https://youtu.be/j_p1gD0xYCE?si=aDDn3WW4p4xS8BL_&t=2470

(from 41:10 – 53:25) XXX Palma de Plata “Ciudad de Algeciras” Spain (2022)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBzYTox7IA8>

Por Soleá en Peña Torres Macarena, Seville, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77ywbG75WL8>

Por Cantiñas de Pinini en Peña Torres Macarena, Seville, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5e3pGwEE3XU>

Homenaje, Teatro Municipal Vicente Espinel en Ronda, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg8BpGB3B98>

La Peña *El Carbonerillo*, Seville, Spain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waLQei81aac>

Tablao *Alegrías La Nacional*, New York

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLeGI1DB5vM>

“**Ilusión Andalusia**” *Shinsaibashi theater*, Osaka, Japan