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Merkén invites to travel through a fantastic, deep and familiar world, with a consistent and vivid expressiveness. A moving and honest trip from our roots to imagination, where sounds from our continent feel free to embroider the piano on the leathers from \_e Caribbean, the charangos on the mixed chorus of full voices, the young poetry and its guitars on toyo, sikus and pifilcas of ancestors. Invitation is from saxophone to Venezuelan cuatro, from singing to shout, from roar to the tender serenade, and from then on...the festival!

# Musical Logbook

## Concerts

- Concert at Municipal eater Lord Cochrane, Valdivia, Chile.
- Concert "Amor y Sombras" with singer Annie Murath, Direction: Izidor Leitinger and Linda Wise, La Memoria theater, Master Hall, Universidad de Chile Radio, Santiago de Chile (2011).
- Concert of improvised music with French musicians Izidor Leitinger and Pierre François Blanchar from voice school Pantheatre of Paris, Santiago de Chile (2011).
- Concert at Sebastião Pompeu de Pina theater, Pirenópolis, Brazil (2012).
- Concert at GAM, Santiago de Chile (2013).
- Concert at SESCs in Santos and Belenzinho, through Difusa Fronte(i)ra, Sao Paulo, Brazil (2013).
- Concert at main hall of Federal University of Goiás, Goiania, Brazil (2013).
- Concert at Teatro Oi, Brasilia, Brazil (2013).
- Concert at Cultural Center of San Antonio, Chile (2013).
- Concert s University in Action, Campus Antumapu and Juan Gómez Millas, University of Chile (2013).
- International artists at XII Encontro de Culturas Tradicionais da Chapada de Veadeiros, Goiás, Brasil (2012).
- International artists to Nas Maos de América, Teatro Sebastião Pompeu de Pina, Pirenópolis/ Teatro Oi, Brasilia, Brasil (2013).
- Representantes de Chile en el Festival CIOFF de Cultura y Artes Tradicionales de GOIAS, (agosto 2014)
- Concert at Independence Day celebration, Parque O'Higgins, (2014).
- Homage to Nicanor Parra, organized by City Council of Santiago de Chile, (April 2015).
- Cycle Springtime Music of the World, Casona Las Condes, (October 2015)

## Stagings

- Staging of "Sinfonía Los tres tiempos de América", homage to Luis Advis, Director: Carlos Valenzuela, Isidora Zegers Hall, Santiago, Chile.
- Staging of "Cantata de Santa María de Iquique", homage to Luis Advis, performed by "Taller Popular Merkén", Sidarte Hall, Santiago (2012).

## Tours

- Brazil 2011: Sao Pablo, Goiania, Pirenopolis
- Brazil 2012: Sao Pablo, Goiania, Chapadas dos Veadeiros, Pirenopolis.
- Brazil 2013: Sao Pablo, Santos, Goiania, Brasilia, Pirenopolis.
- Brazil 2014: Goiania, Pirenopolis (Festival CIOFF)
- Argentina 2014: Buenos Aires Ciudad (agosto)
- Argentina 2015: Buenos Aires. Concerts at Teatro Silencio de Negras, Café Vinilo, Chilean music workshops at Popular Music School at Avellaneda (may, project Ibermúsicas)
- Brazil 2016: Goiania, Palmas, Porto Nacional, Tacuarussu, Pirenópolis (agosto)

# Merkén and other disciplines

Merkén has been strongly involved both in supporting higher teaching at several universities and in creating and interpreting music for theater and choreographic plays.

- Composition and recording of music for theater play "El escándalo de la calle Huanchaca" of Pedro Zlatar, 2008.
- Composition and interpretation of music for theater play "Comala" of Raúl Osorio, 2009.
- Musicians invited to participate at Pantheatre Workshop given in Chile by Enrique Pardo and Linda Wise, (2010).
- Musicians for staging "Tropiezos", directed by Enrique Pardo.
- Composition and interpretation of music for choreographic play "Un viaje a Macondo", directed by Valentina Morales.



## Members



**FERNANDA MOSQUEDA**  
Charango, guitar,  
Percussion, and voice.



**GONZALO RAMOS**  
Drums, latin percussion,  
cuatro, voice



**FELIPE VALDÉS**  
Guitar, tiple, panpipes  
and voice.



**ANTONIO LUNA**  
Electric guitar, panpipes, reed  
flutes and voice.



**FELIPE MARTÍNEZ**  
Bass, double bass, voice



**CAMILA VACCARO**  
Accordion, percussion  
and voice.



**PABLO ARIEL LÓPEZ**  
Piano, synthesizer,  
composition