

NEWS RELEASE

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WHAT: UMass Fine Arts Center Presents Mariza
WHEN: Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst
TICKETS: Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to <http://www.fineartscenter.com/>
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INTERNATIONAL SENSATION MARIZA SINGS AT THE FAC

Since her first CD's debut in 2001, Mariza has become one of the most celebrated stars of the world music circuit, wowing audiences in London, New York, Paris, Sydney, and other venues. As part of her North American tour, Mariza comes to the UMass Fine Arts Center on Thursday, October 20, to perform songs from her new album, *Mundo*, just released in the United States, as well as her greatest hits from the last 15 years. Mariza's Amherst appearance is one of only four New England stops on the tour and one of only 12 altogether. After its European release last year, *Mundo*, produced by multiple Grammy winner Javier Limón, was named 2015's Best Album by *Songlines Magazine*.

Mariza got her start singing fado, a 200-year-old Portuguese musical genre. From the outset, her fresh, original interpretations of these "torch songs," along with her remarkable voice, have been key to her popular and critical success. Over the years, her repertoire has expanded to include tangos, mornas from Cape Verde, and songs written just for her. Backed by an ensemble of musicians playing Portuguese guitar, classic guitar, acoustic bass, drums, and percussion, Mariza brings charisma and soulfulness to her performances.

In keeping with the FAC's season theme "Eat. Art. Love @ the FAC," the University Club is offering a prix fixe Portuguese dinner that evening, with seating starting at 5 p.m. For reservations, please call 413-545-2115. Details available at fineartscenter.com/artfulpalate.

Tickets for Mariza are \$45, \$40, and \$20; Five College student and youth 17-and-under tickets are \$15, \$12, and \$10. For tickets, call the box office at 413-545-2511 (toll-free at 800-999-UMAS) or buy them online at fineartscenter.com. Subscription discounts (purchase of three events or more) are available. Mariza's performance is sponsored by *El Sol Latino*, Gove Law Office, Hotel UMass, NEPR 88.5FM, Thornes Marketplace, and UMass Dining Services.

Select area restaurants and hotels offer great discounts through the FAC's Artful Palate & Pillow program. Single-ticket buyers receive a discount on the nights of performances. Subscribers receive discounts on any night, not just performance nights, throughout the FAC season. Details and links to participating hotels and restaurants at www.fineartscenter.com/artfulpalate.

PHOTOS: Hi-res photos are available at <https://fac.umass.edu/Online/PressRoom>

PRESS PASSES: A limited number of press passes are available. Please contact Shawn Farley at 413-545-4159 or sfarley@admin.umass.edu.

CALENDAR LISTING:

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