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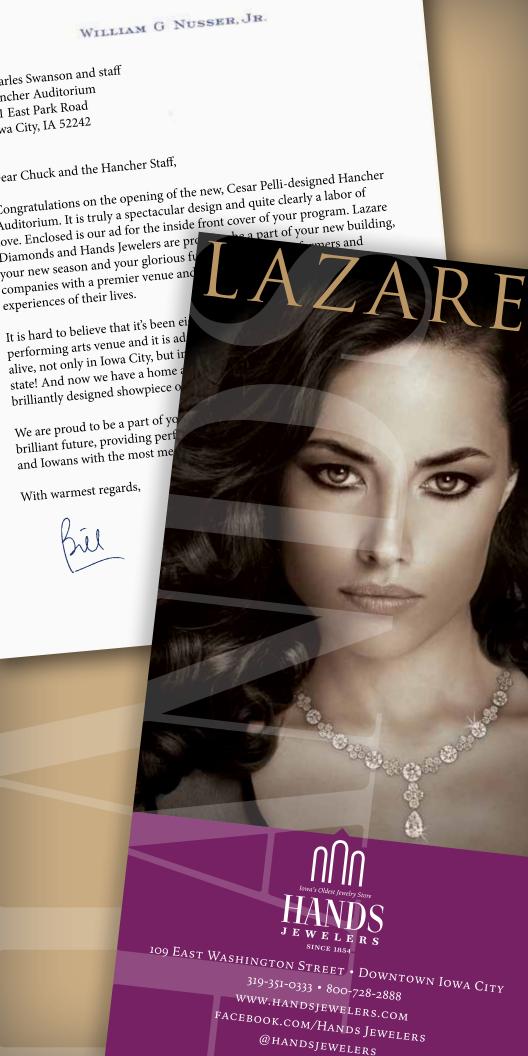
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Above: Las Cafeteras at The Mill on September 25, 2015 as part of Hancher's 2015-16 season. Photos by Miriam Alarcón Avila.

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### ABOUT THE ARTISTS

"Best Latin Alternative Band - 2013" – LA Weekly
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"Urgent, relevant music" – BBC

Born in the streets of Los Angeles, Las Cafeteras are children of immigrants who are remixing roots music and telling modern day stories with what the *LA Times* has called a "uniquely Angeleno mishmash of punk, hip-hop, beat music, cumbia and rock…live, they're magnetic."

Las Cafeteras have taken the music scene by storm with their infectious live performances and have crossed-genre and musical borders, playing with bands such as Mexican icons Caifanes, Lila Downs, Colombian superstar Juanes, Los Angeles legends Ozomatli, folk/indie favorites Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, and most recently with Talib Kweli.

The sound of Las Cafeteras is brought to life by the eclectic instrumentation used, which include jarana's, requinto, a donkey jawbone, a West African bass instrument called the marimbol, cajón, and a wooden platform called the tarima used to dance Zapateado.

Las Cafeteras formed as a band in 2008 with the purpose of documenting the histories of their neighborhoods through music. As musicians, they started as students of the Eastside Café, a Zapatista-inspired community space in East Los Angeles where they were influenced by the culture, storytelling, and poetic music of Son Jarocho, a traditional music from Veracruz, Mexico.

Their namesake derives from the organization where they took classes, the Eastside Café. However, to honor women and challenge masculine language, they feminized their group name by calling themselves, Las Cafeteras, rather than Los Cafeteros.

Their debut studio album, *It's Time*, has received great reviews across the country and has been featured on BBC, NPR, KCRW, and the *LA Times*.

### DENISE CARLOS, MSW

Vocals, Jarana, Zapateado, Glockenspiel

Denise Carlos grew up in the Huntington Park neighborhood of South East L.A. with her older sister and parents. Her father is from Mexicali, Baja California, and her mother from Amacueca, Jalisco, and immigrated to the U.S. in the 1970s to work and raise their family. One of Denise's nicknames growing up was "Diantre"- meaning "little devil" in Spanish. Speaking mostly in double-entendres, she is known for her silly humor and comedic nature. Denise holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work from Loyola University,



Chicago, with an emphasis on women and children, and works on the daily to help develop critical thought around community feminisms, sexuality, and self-love. She has been dancing folklorico for over half her life! When she is not with Las Cafeteras, you will find Denise zapateando with Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles. Two of Denise's favorite life teachings are "Que Viva La Vida" and "Dance as if nobody is watching."

### LEAH ROSE GALLEGOS

Vocals, Quijada, Zapateado

Born and raised in Highland Park, LA, Leah Rose Gallegos grew up playing soccer and singing on the side. When she is not with Las Cafeteras, Futbolistas and/or family, you can find Leah sharing yoga at People's Yoga (the first yoga studio in East L.A., which she co-owns), playing with kids, or on an adventure. Leah always carries a bottle of rosemary essential oil for limpias on-the-go and vegan snacks for a quick fix. Lover of mama earth, spirit seeker, and eager to master love, Leah is blessed to share her musical journey with you.



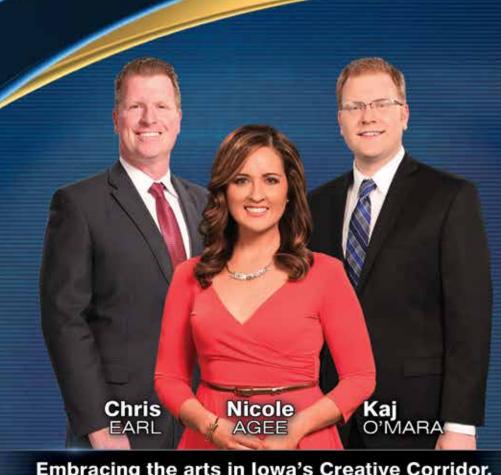
### DANIEL FRENCH

Vocals, Jarana, Zapateado, MC

Hailing from the San Gabriel Valley (east of East LA) Daniel Jesus French is the youngest of 3 siblings. He strums the jarana segunda, sings, MCs, & plays keys. A storyteller at heart, Daniel has worked as playwright, poet, actor, and oral historian. In the summer of 2011 he drove across the continent documenting his family stories & is very proud of his Mexican, Mohawk, and beyond backgrounds. He graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a B.A. in Sociology and his MFA in Public Practice at



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### DAVID FLORES

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Born and raised in East LA and the San Gabriel Valley, David Flores is the second oldest of six brothers and sisters. He earned his Master's Degree in Social and Cultural Analysis of Education from California State University, Long Beach. When not studying, playing futbol or music, David loves taking his Chicano culture to other parts of the country and world. It allows him to realize that life is much greater than himself. David is currently a Ph.D. candidate at UCLA.



### **HECTOR FLORES**

Vocals, Jarana, Zapateado

Born in City Terrace, Hector Flores grew up in the Pan-Asian - Chicano neighborhoods of San Gabriel Valley and East LA. The oldest of six kids, his mom is from Morelia, Michoacán, and his pops is from San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. Growing up, Hector listened to Al Green, Ana Gabriel, Sonora Dinamita, Tupac, The Cure, The Smiths, Chili Peppers, and Rage Against the Machine. He graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a degree in Chicana/o Studies and is



currently a community organizer in Los Angeles. Hector loves playing antiimperialist soccer where the score is always 2-2, dancing Cumbia, watching documentaries, going to a Dodger Game, eating at new veggie-friendly restaurants, sneaking into movie theatres, and writing poetry.

### JOSE CANO

Cajon, Flute, Requinto, Harmonica

Jose Cano's main role in Las Cafeteras is percussion and at times contributes with the flute, requinto, and harmonica and shouts out an occasional "yo no creo en fronteras." Originally from Oxnard CA, he started playing music in the middle school concert band and has since been involved in a number of bands playing anything from cumbia to rock to norteno music before joining Las Cafeteras. Biking for commuting, running, boxing, healthy living, community, art, and culture are among some of the



passions he shares with people. Jose holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University, Los Angeles and currently works as a freelance design engineer and owns his own door and window company.





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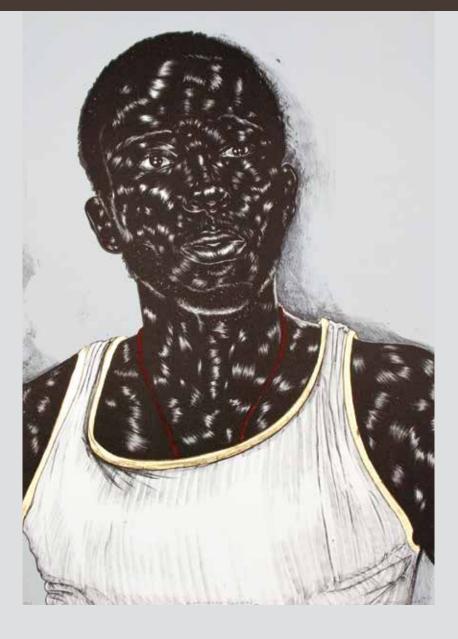
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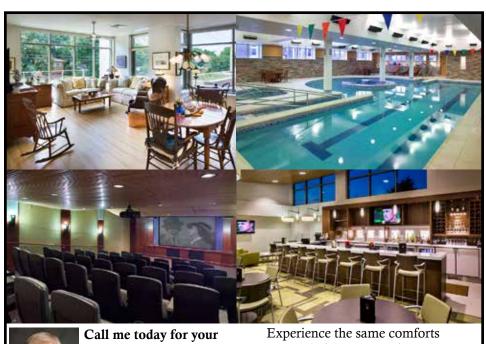












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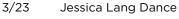






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