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CECILIA TORRES AND LUIS LICIAGA TO DEMONSTRATE FLAMENCO DANCING FOR SUMMERGARDEN

This weekend the Sculpture Garden of The Museum of Modern Art will play host to a program of exotic dance when Cecilia Torres and Luis Liciaga perform flamenco dances for SUMMERGARDEN June 29 and 30.

Cecilia Torres was born in New York and studied ballet as a child. At the age of 16 she joined the aerial ballet of the Ringling Brothers circus. Later, becoming interested, Ms. Torres studied Spanish dancing extensively in the United States and in Spain. She is now a member of "Tour de Force," an organization that brings cultural programs to the public schools of Rockland County; the Marquita Flores Spanish Dance Company; and Maria Alba's Spanish Dance Company. Cecilia Torres has also performed in all the Spanish nightclubs in New York City.

Ms. Torres' partner, Luis Liciaga was born in Puerto Rico and began his career as a child actor in theater and television. As a teenager, he began dancing in nightclubs and received training in both Spain and America. Mr. Liciaga has danced with the Ramon De Los Reyes Dance Company as lead dancer on their American tour; with the New York City Opera as special dancer; and with the Alvaro Tena Company as special guest dancer and choreographer when they performed at Carnegie Hall. Mr. Liciaga is currently the permanent Spanish lead dancer with the Empire Ballet Company and has recently been invited to join the José Greco Company.

SUMMERGARDEN is Mobil Foundation's gift to New York. It enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden without charge on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6 to 11 pm, from June 1 through September 30. Diverse entertainments are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 8 pm. This year they range from Egyptian belly dancers to avant-garde

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ballet companies,with everything imaginable in between. Light refreshments are available.

Next week's performer will be Patrick Chamberlain, a folksinger.

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