

ELENA MARTIN AND JOSE MELITON: SHORT BIO

Spanish born duo-pianists ELENA MARTIN and JOSE MELITON have been hailed by critics and audiences alike for their compelling talent and authority in the realm of Spanish two-piano music. In numerous collaborations with Spanish Embassies and cultural institutions throughout the world, they have served as ambassadors of two-piano music from Spain. The duo has conquered the most critical audiences in the United States, Europe, and Asia, performing more than a dozen original transcriptions of music by various Spanish composers. Created by Ms. Martín, these masterful transcriptions constitute a splendid addition to the music literature for two pianos. Ms. Martín and Mr. Melitón also perform standard two-piano repertoire, including works for two pianos and orchestra.

The duo has received enthusiastic acclaim as guest artists in festivals, concert series, master classes, and workshops in more than thirty states in the U. S. alone, at prestigious universities, as well as in fine halls throughout the world. Live and recorded performances continue to appear on numerous TV and radio broadcasts throughout America, Asia, and Europe.

Spain's Ministry of External Affairs proudly supports many of their artistic endeavors, including the recording of their CDs *Duende* and *Jaleo*, on the Centaur Label, which have been featured in various international music publications. Ms. Martín and Mr. Melitón both hold degrees from the Real Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid, as well as The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.