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Flamenco Dancing at McAuley

Spanish students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School learned first hand about Flamenco music and dance this week from the Las Guitarras de Espana (The Guitars of Spain). The group performed "Spanish guitar influenced world music and dance". The ensemble is also influenced by Latin American and Middle Eastern styles as well as American Jazz. The fusion of these styles backed by Afro-Cuban percussion forms completes the unique combination of sounds. The current core line-up features Patricia Alonso (singer), and Carlo Basile (guitar), Don Jacobs Diego Alonso (guitar), Catarina Van Epps (cello), Chiara Mangiameli (singer/flamenco dancer), Carolina Xavier (flamenco dancer), and Kassandra Kacoshis (percussion).

During the performance, Ms. Xavier taught the girls some of the Flamenco dance hand movements. Each member of the group talked to students about various parts of the performance, their instruments and the origins of their music. After the performance, the group answered questions and brought several girls on stage to learn some of the dance moves.

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Photo caption: Flamenco dancer Carolina Xavier instructs McAuley Spanish students about various flamenco dance moves.

l-r – Ashley Grant (Chg., Greater Grand Crossing), Precious Jackson (Chg. West Lawn), Katie Barski (Chg., Morgan Park), Brianna Dunne (Evergreen Park), "Las Guitarra" dancer Carolina Xavier, Kyla Ramsey (Chg.), Eleese Farrar (Chg., Pullman), Lena Asfour (Oak Lawn), and Kelly Leahy (Chg., Mt. Greenwood).