

About Trio Tlayoltyane

Trio Tlayoltyane (“The Creators” in the Nahuatl language) started in April 1986, in Xalapa, Veracruz. It was founded and directed by Antonio Hernández Meza, and includes his sons Jorge Alberto Hernández Hernández (violin, jarana huasteca, huapanguera and voice) and Marco Antonio Hernández Hernández (jarana huasteca, huapanguera and voice).

Antonio Hernández Meza played for 45 years with another group, Tlen Huicani, which toured the world with Huasteca music. His sons Jorge Alberto and Marco Antonio Hernández Hernández are still active in this group within the Veracruz university.

Trio Tlayoltyane has always been dedicated to the interpretation of traditional Huasteca music, specifically in the performance of huapango and son huasteco. It is, as is often the case, a trio formed by family tradition and consisting the father and two children trained in playing the huapanguero instruments in the home.

The Tlayoltyane Trio has appeared in a number of broadcasts in Mexico and beyond. They have made 6 recordings in audio and video:

- 1) Trio huasteco Los Creadores (Tlayoltyane)
- 2) Los Creadores (Tlayoltyane) Danzas de la Huasteca
- 3) Sones Huastecos
- 4) XII Aniversario
- 5) Tlayoltyane Está Presente: “Huapango y son Huasteco Bilingüe”
- 6) El Abuelo

Where they show the art of the new huapango as promoted by Maestro Hernández Meza, many of these productions are interpreted in the Northern Nahuatl Huasteco Language; the latter constitutes one of the most important contributions of this trio to the country's ethnic literature and thus to Huasteco's own huapango. The permanent work of the Tlayoltyane has exceeded the university limits and has transcended to the Huasteco municipalities where they have performed quite a few special presentations and concerts in coordination with the local municipalities and the University of Veracruz.

Tlayoltyane has also achieved some triumphs in its artistic life:

In 1996, in the National Contest of Trova and Huapango Huasteco held in the city of Tuxpan, Veracruz, in the framework of the famous Expo-Tuxpan Fair, they won First Prize, both in performance and composition, in competition with famous trios of the Huasteca.

Tlayoltyane has toured internationally, proudly playing our Huasteca music in many countries, including Spain, France, Belgium, Argentina, Chile, and the United States.

Having among us at this time a trio at the level of Tlayoltyane is important for the Son and the Huapango. We hope to see the trio continue its rising career as bearers of a great tradition, well worthy of representing our musical heritage.