

The Ethnomusicology Program at the University of Würzburg invites you to a

Concert and Workshop of Traditional Mexican Music

Friday, November 28, 2025

in Hörsaal III, Residenz

Tonalli Concert 17:00 to 18:00

Dance and Music Workshop 18:30 to 20:00

Entrance free



Tonalli is a musical ensemble founded in Vienna, Austria, in 2023. The name Tonalli comes from the Nahuatl language and means “the warmth and light of the sun.” For this concert, the ensemble will perform a selection of **son jarocho** and **son huasteco** pieces—musical genres that continue to flourish today, with origins in the blending of Indigenous, Spanish, and African influences during the colonial period. Tonalli will incorporate **traditional dance and perform on traditional instruments—such as the jarana jarocho, jarana huasteca, quinta huapanguera, violin, and leona—**creating a vibrant musical experience that celebrates Mexico’s cultural diversity. Members: Violeta Valadez Rocha (Mexico), Beata Atlas (Poland), and Luis Alejandro Villanueva (Mexico)

After the concert, the members of Tonalli will offer a **workshop on son jarocho dance and music**. No prior experience is required. Since there will be only a limited number of jaranas jarocho available (guitar-like string instruments of various sizes), **attendees are encouraged to bring a string instrument of their choice—preferably from the guitar family—or simply join the collective dance session (zapateado jarocho)**. The workshop will conclude with a joint performance by Tonalli and the participants, playing some of the pieces learned and recreating the festive spirit of a traditional Mexican music and dance celebration: the **fandango jarocho**.