

UpstART 2024/25
SEASON



Mariachi
ARCO  **IRIS**
de los Angeles

October 12

3:00 PM

The Art Kamangar Center at The Merced Theatre



UpstART

UpstART (formerly Arts UC Merced Presents) is a faculty-directed arts organization at UC Merced. Our mission is to bring diverse and exciting arts programming to our campus and local community.

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presents

Mariachi
ARCO IRIS
de las Angeles

Founder & Director:

Carlos Samaniego, *violin/voice*

Samantha Bautista, *vihuela/voice*

Melissa Diaz, *violin/voice*

Ricardo Dollero, *guitar/voice*

Brian Espinoza, *trumpet/voice*

Saulo Garcia, *guitarrón*

Noel Loera, *trumpet/voice/arranger*

Edwin Martinez, *violin/voice*

Azul Celeste Rodriguez, *harp/voice*

Jeremy Rodriguez, *trumpet/voice*

Yalitza Angelina Vasquez-Lopez, *violin/voice/arranger*

Raul Vidal, *violin/voice*

Pieces will be announced from the stage.



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Mariachi ARCO IRIS de los Angeles

Mariachi Arco•Iris de Los Angeles, or The Los Angeles Rainbow Mariachi in English, is the world's first LGBTQ+ mariachi. A unique and dynamic ensemble representing the traditions of the rich culture of Mexico, this group was created as a haven for mariachi musicians who identify as LGBTQ+ to come together and perform traditional Mexican regional music in an otherwise "machista" and discriminating subculture of the mariachi world.

Led by director Carlos Samaniego, Mariachi Arco•Iris de Los Angeles performs its repertoire to suit the LGBTQ+ community while also introducing beautiful Mexican folk music to new audiences. In 2023, The Los Angeles Rainbow Mariachi received two awards for the work and message of inclusivity that they promote through their passionate music. Now in 2024, they debuted their third album in celebration of their tenth year of existence. Furthermore, this historic group made their PBS debut and was honored by the Los Angeles City Council at the historic Los Angeles City Hall during the Pride Month Kick-Off ceremony.



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