## **Daniel Martinez Bio:**

Daniel Martinez, Flamenco guitar wizard, composer and teacher hails from Iquitos, Peru. Growing up surrounded by the ocean and the Amazon, Martinez first picked up the guitar as a young teen at the encouragement of his mother. He quickly discovered his natural talent for playing by ear and followed the natural path of a teenage boy pushing the boundaries. It wasn't until he moved to the United States and enrolled at Union College in Lincoln in 2002 to study English as a Second Language that he started to take his music seriously. Martinez honed his skills through the mastery of classical guitar training and preparing for and winning national guitar competitions. Daniel has performed in Peru, Chile, Ecuador, Bolivia, Brazil and Canada and across the United States. Today, four solo instrumental recordings later, he is a sought-after instructor of all styles of guitar for all ages as well as being a familiar presence on stages in the region. Martinez is a touring and teaching artist through the Nebraska Arts Council and Lied Statewide.