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# LORCA'S ROMANCERO GITANO

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1999 marked the centenary of the birth of Federico García Lorca, one of the most intriguing and influential poets/dramatists of the 20th century. This seminar course will focus on his life, work and untimely death, and will concentrate on an in-depth study of his *Romancero gitano* ("Gypsy Ballads Collection") of 1928. The course will be taught by a Lorca specialist, a native Spaniard, in both Spanish and English. Students in third semester of Spanish and persons with a genuine interest in the Spanish language in general and Lorca's special metaphoric language in particular will be greatly enriched and rewarded by taking this course.

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| 1. Romance de la luna, luna | 10. San Gabriel (Sevilla)                                           |
| 2. Preciosa y el aire       | 11. Prendimiento de Antoñito el Camborio<br>en el camino de Sevilla |
| 3. Reyerta                  | 12. Muerte de Antoñito el Camborio                                  |
| 4. Romance sonámbulo        | 13. Muerto de amor                                                  |
| 5. La monja gitana          | 14. Romance del emplazado                                           |
| 6. La casada infiel         | 15. Romance de la Guardia Civil Española                            |
| 7. Romance de la pena negra | 16. Martirio de Santa Olalla                                        |
| 8. San Miguel (Granada)     | 17. Burla de Don Pedro a caballo                                    |
| 9. San Rafael (Córdoba)     | 18. Thamar y Amnón                                                  |

The above eighteen stories (romances) will be studied closely and thoroughly using the "five senses" approach to get a fuller enjoyment and appreciation of Lorca's multiple use of synesthesia in his magical metaphors and striking poetic images which have puzzled readers and critics alike for half a century. As part of the course, students will view a recent motion picture that has received good reviews, *The Disappearance of Garcia Lorca*. The inexpensive Penguin Books paper back edition of *Romancero gitano* will be used for the classroom discussions.

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