



# Tres Vidas

*A chamber music theatre work conceived and performed by*

THE CORE ENSEMBLE

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is chamber music theatre work for singing actress and trio, based on the lives of three legendary Latin American women: renowned Mexican painter *Frida Kahlo*, Salvadoran peasant-activist *Rufina Amaya* and Argentine poet *Alfonsina Storni*. The text was written by Chilean scholar and award-winning writer *Marjorie Agosin*, Professor of Spanish Literature at Wellesley College. The show premiered in March 2001 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is now touring throughout the United States. The musical score, performed by the Core Ensemble (cello, piano, percussion), includes arrangements of popular and folk music from Latin America, music by tango master *Astor Piazzolla* and new music by composers from Argentina, Mexico and Cuba. The singing actress, *Georgina Corbo*, portrays the three heroines. *Tres Vidas* includes images of *Frida Kahlo's* dramatic visual work, passages from *Rufina Amaya's* heartfelt testimony about the ravages of the Civil War in El Salvador and excerpts from *Alfonsina Storni's* passionate poetry. In addition to the evening-length show, the ensemble offers residency programming for students of Women's Studies, Latin American culture, music, and theatre.

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*Frida Kahlo*



*Rufina Amaya*



*Alfonsina Storni*

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has garnered national recognition for its efforts to commission new chamber and multi-genre works. Concertizing and residency programming has taken the Core to Australia, the Caribbean, Russia, Ukraine and every region of the U.S. The Core Ensemble was the 2000 recipient of the Edward McDermott Award for Excellence in the Arts awarded by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. *The Boston Globe* hailed the Core as "often formidable, always intelligent, ultimately compelling."

*Educational programs and curriculum materials are available.*

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