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**Spanish Club Students Discover Art and Music**

Classroom lessons came to life Dec. 3 for members of Queen of Peace High School's Spanish Club when they viewed murals and attended a Flamenco dinner dance show. Peace students Kourtanee Woodson, Brianna Bell, Deja Brown, Lauren Carrington, Angela Espinoza and Mikal Cook, along with St. Laurence student Baltazar Mosqueda met artist/muralist Roy Villalobos and observed various murals – including one of renowned artist Hector Duarte, who studied at Siqueiros' Workshop/Studio in Mexico City – in the Pilsen neighborhood before visiting Popocatepetl Tortilleria, a tortilla factory.

The students then enjoyed Spanish, Moroccan and Lebanese cuisine at Alhambra Palace (1240 W. Randolph St.) while they watched Spanish Flamenco and Mexican Folkloric style dancing in the Main Ballroom. Following the performance, the students met many of the professional dancers, including Pedro Cruz. Alhambra Palace is inspired by the 13<sup>th</sup> Century fortress in Grenada, Spain and features exquisite architecture and artifacts from Egypt, Lebanon and Morocco.

“This trip was so rewarding because we learned about culture and music; it was the best trip I have taken during my four years at Peace,” senior Lauren Carrington said. “I loved meeting a muralist and discovering the messages he incorporates into his murals. The two-story mural he painted outside of his studio was my favorite because it included the theme of passing knowledge on to children in the future.”

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Members of Queen of Peace's Spanish Club, along with their moderator Ms. Heather Hathaway Miranda, met artist/muralist Roy Villalobos (far right) before taking in some Flamenco Dancing at Alhambra Palace on Dec. 3.