

Xavier Quijas Yxayotl



BIOGRAPHY

Distributed by K1 Entertainment, Mystical Music Offerings is the music label and publishing arm for prominent world music flutist Xavier Quijas Yxayotl, known for his Aztec and Mayan music recreations from the ancient Americas. The indigenous name "Yxayotl" (meaning 'tears' in Nahuatl) was given to Xavier during a 1977 peyote ceremony by Huichol Shaman elder Don Jose Matsuwa. As a proud descendent of the Huicholes, Xavier followed his dreams to investigate and play pre-Columbian music. Xavier is also honored to have had 6 of his 7 CD releases nominated at the **Native American Music Awards**, two of them for Flutist of the Year.

Through the years, Xavier became one of Mexico's few artists who are able to construct instruments with his own hands, based on ancient manuscripts, which are identical to the instruments used by the pre-Hispanic peoples. Xavier has also formed a group called 'Ancient Americas' that's composed of people who share his musical sentiments and knowledge honored to interpret the authentic music of the Aztecs, Huicholes, Mayans, Tarahumaras, Tepehuanes, and Yaquis.

Xavier has performed at many special events, festivals, pow wows, ceremonies, expos, amphitheatres, performing art centers, museums, universities and sports arenas, while also being aired in various public TV/cable channel special broadcasts, TV appearances and interviews. A few major highlights of Xavier's career are performing at the opening ceremony at the **Nobel Peace Prize** giving blessings to the **Dalai Lama** (Italy, 2001), performing 15 minutes on stage at the **Grammy's** (Los Angeles, California 2002), aired on the **Behind the Arts PBS** special for his patented "Fire Flute" (2002), performing at the **United Nations** Gala Event (New York, 2005), and performing the opening song in concert with **Yanni** to produce the DVD "Yanni Voices" for **Disney** (Acapulco, Mexico 2009).

Holding wisdom in music and ways of the ancient Americas, his knowledge has also led him to consult the **History Channel** on select projects, as well as giving lectures and school presentations on his many art and music teachings. Xavier is also excited about working closely with the **Conscious Life Expo** where he performs, gives lectures and streamlines his music throughout the expo. He also sits on the board of directors for the **International Native American Flute Association** with artists like **R. Carlos Nakai**.

