



## **Lundu**

### **Artist Information Sheet**

#### **All Ages**

#### **Artist Biography:**

##### **Lundu**

Lundu is a band of musicians who came together through their love of Peru's musical traditions. The members of the ensemble are Marikatia Campos (vocals), Robert Sanchez (flute), Diego Cardenas (guitar), Fernando Salazar (guitar), Diego Manrique (percussion), Kanko Cardena (cajon), Sebastian Vega (bass). Together they create new music as well as perform traditional Peruvian songs. Lindu's music is inspired by the natural environment around them as well as Afro-Peruvian and Andean musical roots in their hometown of Arequipa.

#### **Tradition:**

##### **Andean and Afro-Peruvian Music**

Andean music is played by communities of people that came from the areas in what is now the country of Peru. 800 years ago, however, this region was a part of the great and ancient Inca Empire. Andean music includes many melodies that are sung or played by different kinds of flutes, including the panpipe made from reeds found along rivers and lakes.

Afro-Peruvian music was created and maintained by African communities that were forcibly brought to Peru as enslaved peoples. Afro-Peruvian music is sung in Spanish and is reflective of the three main communities of Peru, born of African, Indigenous and Spanish descent. One of the most popular Afro-Peruvian instruments is the *cajon*, a box drum that the performer sits on and slaps the front or back with their hands to make bass and snare sounds. Many believe that the cajon originated when Spanish slave owners forbid music making in Afro-Peruvian communities. In response to these restrictions, enslaved Peruvians created box drums that they could disguise by carrying fruit or other goods at markets.

#### **Place:**

##### **Arequipa, Peru**

Arequipa is both a city and region in Southwestern Peru. It stretches from the Pacific coast up to the northern region characterized by its many volcanoes. The city is known as the "white city" because of its white and light pink volcanic stone which was used to build the city center over 500 years ago! Arequipa is Peru's second largest city and is surrounded by four volcanos. Through its vibrant music, food, and community you will see many cultural traditions beautifully combined.