

# MARIPOSA



“The celebration of an artist's life”



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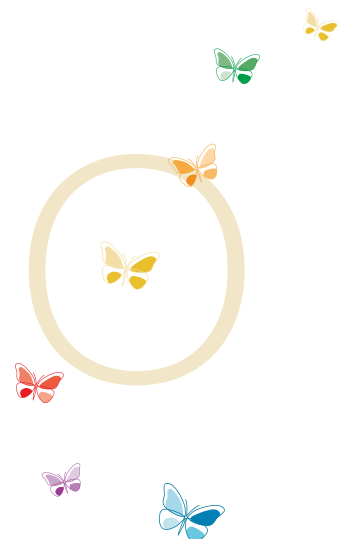
## THE SHOW

*A story, a transformation, a flight...*

A multi-media live theater event of one artist's story told with animated visuals, dance and music.

*A vibrant, joyful, celebration of an artist's life, Mariposa. Come along on this wondrous voyage around the globe as a caterpillar of a girl becomes a woman and renowned musician. The universal journey of becoming what is your destiny, tracing the steps of artists before her, the hardships and triumphs of falling and getting up again to become greater and stronger each time. .*

**The final triumph: becoming that wondrous, colorful and elegant creature, La Mariposa.**





## THE PROTAGONIST

The multi-talented pianist and cultural entrepreneur Polly Ferman is the inspiration for the story of Mariposa. With more than 70 years on her flight path, this creator, performer, cultural entrepreneur and benefactor has plenty to tell, leaving us her rich life experience as her legacy. Born in Montevideo, Uruguay, a citizen of the world, she inherited a passion for culture and a unique bond with music.

While she was developing her own career as a musician, she decided to go one step further, founding a non-for-profit organization, PAMAR and the Latin American Cultural Week, creating a window to the great world of culture for countless Latin American artists.

In Mariposa, Polly invites us to learn about the highways and trails along which artists must travel to take their creation around the world. She takes us from being recognized as Musical Ambassador of the Americas by the Japan Times, to educating children in low-income schools in Harlem, from concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York or the Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, to cultural dissemination in the smallest corners of Latin America or China.

"A leading interpreter of the music of the Americas, pianist Polly Ferman captivates audiences with outstanding performances of works by Latin American composers."

**Recognized by The Japan Times as "Musical Ambassador of the Americas". [www.pollyferman.net](http://www.pollyferman.net)**



POLLY FERMAN

## BACKGROUND

Polly Ferman created the multimedia music and dance show GlamourTango, A Celebration of Women in Tango, as a tribute to Women in Tango, with an all-female artistic cast. [www.glamourtango.com](http://www.glamourtango.com)

Polly Ferman has joined the internationally famous composer and bandoneon player, Daniel Binelli, creating the Binelli-Ferman Duo. [www.binelli-ferman.com](http://www.binelli-ferman.com)

Ferman, a cultural entrepreneur, is the founder and artistic director of Pan American Musical Art Research, (PAMAR), a 501(c)(3) organization that she founded in 1984 to promote awareness and appreciation for Latin American cultures and their cultural roots. [pamar.org](http://pamar.org) | Launched in November 2006, Latin American Cultural Week (LACW) is an annual New York City-wide festival showcasing the richness and variety of cultures from Latin America, the Caribbean and Spain. [www.lacw.net](http://www.lacw.net)

## THE PARTICIPANTS

Mariposa brings together a group of co-creative artists with outstanding careers in their own disciplines. The talents and experiences of representatives from the world of music, dance, and image, merge together to create the journey of an incredible flight, the life story of Mariposa.



**ALLYSON MANTA**  
Co-Creator

Artistic Director and Choreographer of Cirque du Soleil (1989 – 2000).  
Co-Founder of “The Vancouver Conservatory”.  
Co-creator with Polly Ferman of Leading Ladies of Tango

**EMIL MONTGOMERY**  
Artist / Producer

Internationally recognized Live Set Performer. Creator and producer of the “Concert for Tolerance and Peace”, a show that brought together 300,000 audience in Montevideo, Uruguay



**NADIA MARA**  
Choreographer / Dancer

Prima Ballerina of the Atlanta Ballet (for 16 years)  
Prima ballerina of the Ballet Nacional del Sodre (Uruguay).  
Recognized as Artist of the Year in Atlanta



**FEDERICO BONGIORNO**  
Visual Artist / Filmmaker / Light Engineer

Audiovisual Manager of the Argentine Theater of La Plata, Argentina.  
Staging and Audiovisual Direction of “GlamourTango” in New York, Quebec, Mexico and Rio de Janeiro, among other cities.  
Scenic Audiovisuals for more than 30 shows.



