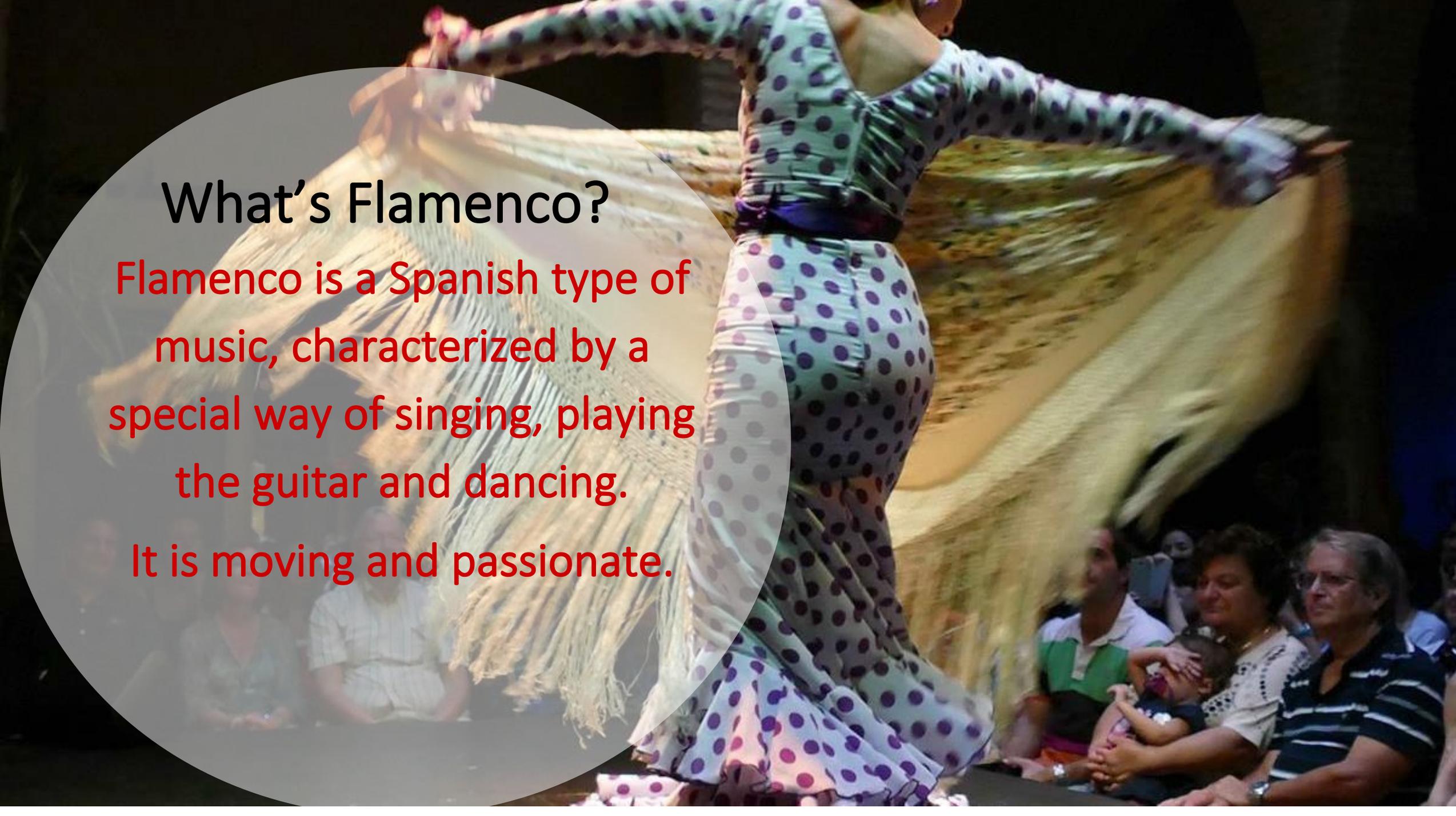




# FLAMENCO

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A flamenco dancer in a purple polka-dot dress is performing on stage. She is captured in a dynamic pose, with her arms extended and a large, flowing white shawl (mantón) draped around her. The background shows an audience of people watching the performance.

## What's Flamenco?

Flamenco is a Spanish type of music, characterized by a special way of singing, playing the guitar and dancing.

It is moving and passionate.

## ORIGIN

Flamenco has its origin in Andalusia and its birth is dated in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

There are a number of theories regarding the origin of the name “Flamenco”, but the most extended is that it comes from the old Andalusian phrase “fella min gueir ard”, which means “a peasant without land.”



# SINGING

Flamenco singing is one of the three main components of this type of music, together with the playing of the guitar and the dancing. There is an amazing amount of singing styles. We can count up to 56 different types of flamenco singing: alegrías, bulerías, malagueñas, fandangos, seguirilla, soleá, peteneras...





## GUITAR PLAYING

Most popular instruments in flamenco music are: the guitar, the box drum, and the castanets. Hand clapping and heel tapping also function as “instruments”.

Flamenco music cannot be understood without the guitar. There are as many guitar playing styles as singing styles.

The flamenco guitar is usually slightly smaller than the classic Spanish guitar.



## DANCING

There are as many different dances as flamenco singing and playing styles, this is more than 50. Besides, the way of dancing them differs according to emotional criteria, the lyrics of the song, and cultural traditions of that specific town.

The dancer (bailaor/bailaora) interprets the lyrics with smooth movements contrasting strong heel tapping and spins.



# STARS

Some widely known flamenco stars are:

Diego el Cigala

Camarón de la Isla

Paco de Lucía

Niña Pastori

Miguel Poveda

Carmen Amaya

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# FLAMENCO TODAY

Nowadays, flamenco music is present every day in the lives of most Andalusians. It is not an endangered style and it is well protected by Institutions. There are many flamenco festivals, it is the music in every fun fair, dancing schools keep teaching it to an increasing number of pupils, flamenco fashion is a success, and new music compositions have a flamenco essence.

