

# Forasteros, a Madrid-based swing, gypsy-jazz and folk band

As a hub for artists and creative are types from all over the world, Madrid's local live-music scene is energetic and diverse. As always, your friends at Naked Madrid are here to provide you with the best options as how to maximize the potential of your nights out. **The first local musicians to be featured in this series are the swing, gypsy-jazz, folk group Forasteros.**



They have an interesting backstory because their members had all met by chance. The band was formed when its founder, lyricist and guitarist, **Tom Buzz Cox** from London, crossed

paths with **Tara** during a Vaughan System teacher training course. Swing instructor **Julia Hampson**, also from London, was brought onboard as the violinist after an encounter busking the streets in Lavapies.

Tom recruited **Hinata Myojin**, a bassist from Japan, through another band in the community. Clarinettist **Ricardo Vasquez** from Texas/Mexico was discovered upon his response to an advertisement. They are unclear on how drummer **Fernando Iglesias** from Madrid entered the fold, strongly implying that he materialized out of thin air.



They write in Spanish, English, French and even Japanese. Ricardo and Julia have a classical background and are well-versed in swing and Jazz. Overall the group combines aspects of **gypsy-jazz, folk and swing** while also being open to anything that takes their fancy: twisted Latin rhythms, funk, DnB hints.



Their ambition is to make people laugh, dance and feel while also “talking about difficult shit.” says **Tara Lowe**, their singer and lyricist, who I have known for the greater part of the year as two of my close friends were her flatmates. Lowe, a long-term expat from Cardiff enjoys writing songs about everyday life that are “**cheeky, honest and indulgent.**”



Forasteros’ songs have addressed some of the more **relatable aspects of living in Madrid** with their songs “Landlord from Hell, title self-explanatory, as well as “Banks of June” which focuses on lust and broken hearts. Their track “Springtime Shuffle” centers on opportune new beginnings while “Cuando” is just about dancing.

Forasteros performs a lot in Lavapiés in the venues of Gato Verde, Taberna Alabanda, La Tortuga, La Tabacalera and Centro de Creación y Investigación. Their First EP, “Hello you!” was



recorded at The Treehouse Madrid Studios on the label of Vestizo Azul Records. [It is available free on Bandcamp.](#) Check out their video of "[Devil in the Trees](#)" from their new EP.

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# Info

Follow them on [Facebook](#) & **their** [Bandcamp page](#) and be sure to see them perform live! Their EP *Hello You* launches [on the 12th November at Intruso Bar](#) – with supporting artist [Taiacore](#). Tickets can be purchased at [Giglon](#). The first 50 people to arrive will get a free EP and poster.