Payadora Ensemble – short bio

Payadora is an award-winning “superstar group” (WholeNote) of vocalist, violin, bandoneon, bass and piano that performs gems from the Golden age of Tango, and their own award-winning originals. In Canada they have appeared in the Ottawa Chamberfest, Festival of the Sound, at the National Arts Centre, the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, Toronto’s Harbourfront Centre, Stratford Summer Music, Toronto Summer Music, Festival of the Sound, Vancouver Island MusicFest, Toronto Jazzfest, and the World Accordion & Tango Festival in Victoria. Their international tours have taken them to South America, the US, and Europe, where they were featured in a live-to-air BBC broadcast. Payadora’s November 2023 tour of South America was a huge success which included winning “Best New Piece” at the 2023 Yiddish Music Awards in São Paolo. Their latest CD was #1 on the World Music Charts in March 2023 and named one of Paolo Pietropaolo’s Top Classical CD’s of 2023. They have been featured on CTV, NPR, German Public Radio, the BBC, CBC, Zoomer Media, CBC television and radio and the Bangkok Post, prompting accolades such as “Incredible music making” (Irish Public Radio RTE), and “A World Class Contemporary Chamber Ensemble” (Ottawa Citizen). In the summer of 2024, they were a feature act at Germany’s renowned Rudolstadt Festival as winners of the German World Music Award (Weltmusikpreis Ruth Award). In January of 2025 they will be performing their show “Tango Apasionado” with PointeTango Dance Company across Florida including shows in Miami, Key West and Palm Coast.