

## **AMIGOS Y VECINOS (friends and neighbors)**

Latcho and Andrea moved to Mexico approximately 11 years ago. Before they met, Latcho and his friend, Lobo (of Willie and Lobo) played music together in Germany and in Mexico. After Lobo moved to Mexico he sent numerous postcards back to Latcho extolling the virtues of life in Mexico. Latcho and Andrea had, by this time, met and fallen in love and they visited here for several years. Finally, they too moved to Mexico. For the first four years they played their music primarily in Puerto Vallarta as there wasn't a "music scene" in the north bay. Then they started playing at Papisito's (now the Black Forest Restaurant) in La Cruz and at Karen's Place in Bucerias. These were the only two restaurants in the area offering live music.

They were often billed as Gitans Blondes, the name being taken from a brand of French cigarettes, and used as the title of one of their CDs.

They play and sing a gypsy-flamenco style of music with Latcho on guitar and Andrea accompanying him with guitar and castanets. Some of the gypsy influence in their music comes from time that Latcho spent in the south of France, in the proximity of the Gipsy Kings. Also, after they were together, Latcho and Andrea spent a lot of time living and traveling in caravans with the gypsies.

They are currently performing in the North Bay area of Puerto Vallarta.

For a complete calendar, go to their website at [www.latchoandrea.com](http://www.latchoandrea.com).

Latcho and Andrea have produced several CDs: Latcho and the Gipsy Queens, Ohauaha, Gitans Blonds, Bahia Nights, Gipsy Gypsy and now, The Best of Latcho and Andrea.

If you have never had the pleasure of seeing these two, be sure to go this season. They are fantastic.