

# Week-long festival opens with pianist

By Betsie Ammons

Mexican pianist Viviano Valdez gave his first concert in the United States at UNL Sunday, beginning the Jornadas Mexicanas, a festival of Mexican arts and culture to be held here all week.

Valdez played the works of Schumann, Franck, Schubert and Mexican composer M.M. Ponce.

"I feel you can't interpret many different composers at the same time," he said. He paired Schubert, Franck, and Schumann together because, he said, they represent the romantic period of music.

Although Ponce wrote in a later era than the other composers, Valdez said he included Ponce's composition because he is known in the United States as a composer for classical guitar.

Mexican composers were not featured in his concerts until recently, Valdez said.

"I felt I must first master the greats and then include some of my national music," he said.

Most of Valdez's concerts are in Mexico, but he said he enjoys playing in other countries "to show them that Mexico does have artists dedicated to serious music."

"I feel that Mexico has a wealth of interpreters of classical music; that our country's talent is not limited primarily to the mariache," Valdez said. "I think it is important that the world get away from that stereotype."

Valdez will return to American in January to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The Mexican festival continues this week with a lecture by Dr. Manuel Alcala, director of Mexican libraries at 2:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, a lecture by Dr. Fernando Camara-Barbachano, assistant director of the Mexican Institute of Anthropology at 10:30 a.m., also in the Union, and a Concert of Music and Dance by Los Folkloristas de Rene Villanueva at 8 p.m. in Kimball Recital Hall.

## calendar

Monday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Builders-Open Advisory Session—Nebraska Union Centennial Room. 11:30 a.m.—Area of Excellence-Luncheon—Union 203. Noon-4 p.m.—Arts and Science Advisory Board—Union Main Lounge.	3:30 p.m.—Phi Chi Theta—Union 232. 5:30 p.m.—Towne Club pledges—Union 343. 6 p.m.—Towne Club—Harvest Room. 7 p.m.—Career Planning and Placement—Union 232. 7 p.m.—Table Tennis Club—	Union Conference Room. 7 p.m.—Minority Affairs tutoring—Union 225. 7 p.m.—English Dept.—All-com—Union 337. 7:30 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi—Union 222. 7:30 p.m.—Math Counselors—Union 225.	7:30 p.m.—College Career Fellowship—Union 343. 9 p.m.—Kappa Alpha Psi—Union 232. 9:15 p.m.—Kappa Psi—Union 216.
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