



FESTIVAL MIAMI 2006 – A WORLD OF MUSIC!

FESTIVAL MIAMI CELEBRATES MIAMI'S CULTURE WITH VARIETY OF LATIN MUSIC

Coral Gables, FL – For the past 23 years, Festival Miami has showcased music of all cultures around the globe, spanning not only baroque, classical, romantic, 20th century, and jazz composition, but also exploring the diverse and far-reaching musical genres of the world. Most notably, Festival Miami explores Miami's own cultural heritage through the rich diversity of Latin music.

Starting with Brazilian artist Romero Britto's bold and colorful 23rd Gala Season commemorative cover, Festival Miami 2006 celebrates South Florida's cultural heritage with a fantastic array of Latin music concerts. For purists, spend a special evening listening to Argentinean tangos, Brazilian percussion, or Cuban danzas. Or splurge with a series of only-in-Miami sonic fusions that blend the great musical traditions of Spain and Latin America with Classical, Jazz, Contemporary, and even Bluegrass music.

On Friday, **October 6** at 8:00 p.m. it's **Tango Dreams**. Experience a night of passionate and traditional Argentinean tango, where reality and dreams are intertwined in this unique interpretation of life and love. **Artango Dance Company**, featuring **Fernanda Ghi** and **Guillermo Merlo**, present tango like you have never seen before.

Miami's very own one-woman sensation **Albita** takes to the stage on Saturday, **October 7** at 8:00 p.m. for an evening of popular Cuban music. This Grammy Award winner will move you with her shoulder-shaking rhythms and extraordinary energy and passion.

On Tuesday, **October 10** at 8:00 pm., Festival Miami invites you to ***Feel the Beat!*** with an evening of Brazilian music for percussion ensemble. The **Frost School's Percussion Ensemble**, **Ney Rosauro**, director, and special guests **Esther Jane Hardenbergh**, **Shannon Wood**, **Wan Chun Liao**, and Frost School of Music percussion faculty will perform Brazilian percussion music by Villa Lobos, Lorenzo Fernandez, and Ney Rosauro.

Singer, composer, guitarist and Frost School of Music alumnus **Raul Midón** takes to the stage on Saturday, **October 14** at 8:00 pm. with the Frost School's award-winning **Jazz Vocal I Ensemble** directed by **Larry Lapin**. Midon blends Jazz and Latin music in a truly original style that has entertained audiences around the world.

Thursday, **October 26** at 8:00 p.m. features ***Exotic Brazil!*** Internationally acclaimed recording artist **Luciana Souza** is joined by guitarist **Romero Lumbambo** for an evening of Brazilian rhythms and American jazz. Ms. Souza's unforgettable voice can be heard on more than 30 recordings lead by such jazz greats as Danilo, George Garzone, Kenny Wheeler, Steve Kuhn, John Patitucci, and Maria Schneider.

Remember the music of Cuba from the good old days? Come reminisce with ***Nostalgia Cubana*** on Friday, **October 27** at 8:00 p.m. Enjoy habaneras, danzas, and much more as **Raul Murciano** and soprano **Susana Diaz** present a collection of popular and light classical vocal and instrumental works from the late 19th to early 20th century catalog of Cuban music. Revisit the music of Ignacio Cervantes, Ernesto Lecuona, Miguel Matamoros, and more.

And on Wednesday, **November 1** at 8:00 p.m. you can round up all of this wonderful music with the premiere of **Yerba Blue**, South Florida's fresh-cut fusion of Bluegrass and Americana with Afro-Cuban rhythms. This eclectic group gives birth to a new musical genre that gives these traditional forms of music a real Latin twist. Yerba Blue are **Rey Sanchez**, guitars, dobro, and vocals; **Glenn Basham**, fiddle and harmonica; **Shernol Matthias**, bass and vocals; **Cookie Lopez**,

percussion; **Raul Murciano**, keyboards; **Ettiene Fuentes**, drums; and a variety of guest vocalists and instrumentalists.

Presented by the **Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music** from **September 30 – November 4, 2006**, *Festival Miami 2006* features inspired performances by award-winning University of Miami music students and faculty and internationally renowned guest artists. Audiences are also treated to new musical experiences with several Florida and world premieres in the lineup.

For a complete listing of all 27 concerts, visit www.festivalmiami.com or call 305.284.4940. All performances are held at the Maurice Gusman Concert Hall located at 1314 Miller Drive, on the University of Miami's Coral Gables Campus (unless otherwise noted in the attached schedule). The Frost School of Music website is www.music.miami.edu.

Ticket prices range from \$8 - \$55 per person, including senior and student rates. Opening and closing nights also offer a special ticket for \$55 per person, which includes a VIP reception at the Country Club of Coral Gables. The *Festival Miami* Advance Ticket Sales Office phone number is (305) 284-4940 and is located at the McKnight Building, 5807 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Hours are Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information on *Festival Miami 2006* and a downloadable ticket order form visit www.festivalmiami.com or email festivalmiami.music@miami.edu.

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