

24 August 2010

LATE NIGHTS AND LATIN BEATS AT QPAC

Cool drinks, hot nights and pulsing rhythms and beats will transform Queensland Performing Arts Centre's (QPAC) Cascade Court into the *Havana Club* as part of the Brisbane Festival.

From Wednesday 8 September to Saturday 2 October the *Havana Club* will showcase free hot Latin live music and entertainment with an array of delicious Cuban/South American cocktails and Tapas on offer.

Themed on the legendary music bars of old Havana that served the likes of Brando, Monroe and Hemingway, *Havana Club* will feature the finest international and Australian Latin bands mixing it up with top Afro-Cuban DJs.

On each week from Wednesday to Saturday from 9.00pm until late, the line-up is set to ignite the stage and have people burning up the dance floor, featuring acts such as; **Chukale**, **Cuban Groove Collective** and the **Club Havana Band** just to name a few.

Highlights within the electric program include local Queensland band recently returned from *Splendour in the Grass*, **Tijuana Cartel** and the six piece all male a-capella group, **Vocal Sampling** direct from Cuba.

Tijuana Cartel encapsulates the true energy of Latin music and the modern vibes of Australian culture pumping out a blend of multi-layered grooves with splashes of Middle Eastern vocals, lilting Moby-esque soundscapes, Flamenco, Electronic world beats and live Latin Cuban Percussion, never failing to get the crowds up and on their feet.

On Friday 25 and Saturday 26 September experience beat boxing Cuban style with the outstanding talents of **Vocal Sampling**, who with just their voices and bodies, create the infectious sounds of a Latin Orchestra and the smooth attitude of a classic Jazz band.

Brisbane get ready for a nightly cocktail of rumba rock, salsa, songo, cha-cha-chá and aphrodisiac mambo. Find that sweet spot between the heart and the hips on the Cascade Court dance floor at the *Havana Club*!

BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND QPAC PRESENTS HAVANA CLUB LATE NIGHT LATIN BEATS

WHERE Cascade Court, QPAC, Cultural Centre, South Bank
WHEN Wednesday 8 September to Saturday 2 October
TICKETS FREE
INFORMATION www.qpac.com.au

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HAVANA CLUB PROGRAM

WED 8 + THU 9 SEP
HOT MAMBO (Brisbane)
DJ CUBANITO

FRI 10 + SAT 11 SEP
CLUB HAVANA BAND (Sydney)
DJs MADRID & GORDON

TUE 14 SEP
OPENING NIGHT DANZA CONTEMPORANEA
CHUKALE (Brisbane)

WED 15 + THU 16 SEP
CHUKALE (Brisbane)
DJ CUBANITO

FRI 17 + SAT 18 SEP
**GONZALO PORTA & THE SYDNEY SALSA
ALL STARS (Sydney)**
DJ FRANK MADRID & JONTY HALL (TRUMPET)

WED 22 + THU 23 SEP
CUBAN GROOVE COLLECTIVE (Cuba)
DJ CUBANITO

FRI 24 + SAT 25 SEP
NB THU 24 SEP – OPENING NIGHT BALLETS NACIONALES DE CUBA
VOCAL SAMPLING (Cuba)
DJ DWIGHT "CHOCOLATE" ESCOBAR

WED 29 + THU 30 SEP
TIJUANA CARTEL (Gold Coast)
DJ CUBANITO

FRI 1 + SAT 2 OCT
ARMANDITO Y SU TROVASON (Sydney)
DJs MADRID & GORDON