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Latin Jazz Heats Up the Nation's Capital at the 2011 DC Jazz Festival

Featuring Eddie Palmieri, Claudia Acuña and other Latin Jazz Artists

April 19, 2011, Washington, D.C.—The [DC Jazz Festival](#) (DCJF) today announced it will host a number of Latin jazz artists at this year's festival, including legendary pianist/composer [Eddie Palmieri](#) and his All-Star Salsa Orchestra and Chilean vocalist [Claudia Acuña](#).

"This is the seventh year we are presenting the festival, and we're delighted to once again have so many superb artists showcase and celebrate the many styles of Latin jazz -- music that stirs the soul, and gets audiences dancing, demonstrating that jazz music crosses all geographic barriers," said Michael Sonnenreich, Chairman and CEO of Kikaku America International and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the DC Jazz Festival.

A nine-time Grammy Award winner, Eddie Palmieri is renowned for his unique blend of jazz and Latin rhythms. His musical career spans more than 50 years as a pianist, composer and leader of both Salsa and Latin jazz orchestras, and smaller ensembles. Palmieri and his All-Star Salsa Orchestra will close the free [Jazz on the National Mall](#) extravaganza on Sunday, June 12.

Also performing during the National Mall marathon is Chilean vocalist Claudia Acuña, hailed by the *LA Times* as an "instrument of wonder," who draws upon the culture of her homeland by fusing Latin rhythms with her instinctive jazz sensibilities. She began singing Chilean folk/pop, rock, fusion, and opera, but soon gravitated to jazz, and quickly made a name for herself on the local jazz scene, also sitting-in with visiting artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Joe Lovano and Danilo Perez. In 1995, Acuña moved to New York where she quickly became a fixture on the jazz scene. She has performed and recorded with Arturo O'Farrill, Guillermo Klein, Christian McBride, Roy Hargrove, and George Benson, among others. Her critically acclaimed recordings include *Wind From the South*, *Rhythm of Life*, and *Luna*.

"Each year, the DC Jazz Festival presents a unique and diverse array of performances in a variety of styles," said DC Jazz Festival Executive Producer [Charles Fishman](#). "Latin jazz has been, and continues to be, a core highlight of the

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festival since its inception, exciting audiences and showcasing traditional Latin rhythms and its saucy international flavor.”

Performances include:

[Madam's Organ](#) * [Patrick Alban & Noche Latina](#) * **Thursdays, June 2 & 9 * 9:30 p.m.**

[Grill from Ipanema](#) * Rio Garage Trio * **Wednesday, June 1 & Thursdays * June 2 & 9 * 8:00 p.m.**
* [DC Choro](#) * **Sundays, June 5 & 12 * 6:00 p.m.**
* De Quarteto Brazil * **Wednesday, June * 8:00 p.m.**

[Bohemian Caverns](#) * [Luis Faife](#) AfroCuban Quintet * **Tuesday, June 7 * 8:00pm & 10:00 p.m.**

[Bossa Bistro](#) * [Clube Do Samba](#) and [Sin Miedo](#) **Wednesday, June 8 * 8:30 p.m.**

[Mandarin Oriental](#) * [Sara Jones](#) with [Um Novo Tempo](#) * **Thursday, June 9 * 5:00 p.m.**

[Cashion's Eat Place](#) * [Origem](#) * **Friday & Saturday, June 10 & 11 * 12:00 a.m.**

[Jazz on the National Mall](#) presented by [Bing](#) * [National Mall / Sylvan Theater](#)
Sunday, June 12 * 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*After a one-year hiatus, **Jazz on the National Mall** returns to the nation's capital city with free performances featuring the Toby Foyeh Afro-Jazz Quartet, Frédéric Yonnet, the Claudia Acuña Quartet, Roy Hargrove's & RH Factor, and the Eddie Palmieri All-Star Salsa Orchestra*

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Additional Resources

- Complete line-up: <http://tinyurl.com/26ds77p>
- Tickets: <http://tinyurl.com/4crcoo5>
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About the DC Jazz Festival

With more than 100 performances in dozens of venues across the city, the DC Jazz Festival, a project of Festivals DC, Ltd., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is the largest music festival in Washington, D.C. and is one of the most highly-anticipated cultural events in the nation's capital. The DCJF presents year-round music programs with performances featuring locally, nationally and internationally acclaimed artists which promote music integration in school curricula, and actively supports community outreach to expand and diversify its audience of jazz enthusiasts. For more information about the DC Jazz Festival and upcoming programs, visit www.dcjazzfest.org.

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