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**Conga Caliente Festival fills Al Lopez Park with rhythm and beats
on November 09, 2008**

Presented By Saturn, The Official Vehicle of Conga Caliente

Tampa, FL (October 9, 2008) –The live musical performances and entertainment at the Conga Caliente Festival will have the stage packed from 11am to 6pm at Al Lopez Park on November 9th. Visitors will have an opportunity to sing and dance with beloved Hispanic entertainers throughout the day and have an opportunity to meet and greet the artist. The festival prides itself as a quality and family oriented event that is free to the public. Families can enjoy fun and educational experiences such as a local artist village, a youth area, a rock climbing wall, a domino tournament, and an extensive health village.

Meet the Artists:

Salsa sensation Marlon Fernández was born in Cuba in 1977 and honed his musical career in the states and abroad, but was thrust into the international arena through his performance on the Puerto Rican TV show *Objetivo Fama* (Singing Talent Search Show) As the winner, Marlon was signed on by Univision, the program's owner. His debut CD, *Mi Sueño*, was released in October 2006, peaking at number seven on Billboard's Latin Tropical chart. The record generated a number of successful singles, including "Usted Abuso" and "A Quien."

Salsa vocalist Anthony Cruz was born in New Jersey, footsteps away from the simmering New York salsa scene. His musical repertoire includes: A solo debut, *Algo Nuevo*, in 1990. The disc went gold, generating radio hits like "Si Supieras" and "Tu Traicion." Para Ti in 1993, Cruz's third self-titled release featured the popular song "Cuanto Te Amo," and "Una Vez Mas" was released in 1998. *Un Nuevo Amanecer* in 2002 featuring "Que Bombon," and "Ven" and *Para Mi Gente* was released in 2007.

A native of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Ommy Cardona started his career as the lead vocalist of *Orquesta La Nativa*. He has also performed with the band *Concepto Latino* backing up popular stars of the music scene such as Santos Colón, Daniel Santos, and Celia Cruz, among many others. Ommy's first recording came about when he was part of the group *Orquesta Richport* (of Wilfredo de la Torre), where he was featured on lead vocals on the selection "Usted Se Me Llevó La Vida." He is currently enjoying his first solo debut production, *Raza Latina* featuring "Tu Jardinero."



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Van Lester has been performing a tribute to El Cantante, Hector Lavoe, throughout the United States and has become a musical talent of his own accord with songs, “ Estaba Para Mi,” and “Se Encontró El Amor,” and “ Un Rico Son and Sonero.”

The beloved Colombian folk singers with a comedic twist know as El Raton y Chocolate (The Rat & Chocolate) will provide the jokes and laughs at Conga Caliente. They have been performing their new act in Medellin, Colombia at La Feria de las Flores and the Nautilus Theater in Miami Beach. Chocolate, known as the man of a thousand voices, and his sidekick will surely please the crowd for the day. They currently, have their own Radio program in Miami.

Originally from Santo Domingo, Rey Perdomo has enjoyed several radio hits including “ Chuleria”. He will bring the crowd to their feet with his style of Merenque on the stage. He is known as ” Sweetie Sweetie” because he loves to please his audiences.

DLG includes a new vocalist, Yahara Vargas “Miss YaYa” and James “Da Barba” and features Fragrancia, Ness and the multi-talented Napoles. DLG released a new album entitled Renacer (The Rebirth) in April 2008 and their song "Quiero Decirte Que Te Amo" peaked at #8 on the Latin Billboard Music Charts-Latin Tropical Airplay and has been on the charts for 25 weeks.

Artists and entertainers are available for interviews. The festival is organized and produced by Coda Sound, Inc.