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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **THE ARTS COUNCIL'S "EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ" 2008-2009 SEASON FINALE "THE HAVANA SON TRIO"**

On Friday, May 22nd the Arts Council's 2008-2009 Evenings of Intimate Jazz season will close out with the Latin sounds of the Havana Son Trio. To make room for some dancing this concert will be outdoors on the Smithgall Arts Center Patio. So put on your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of Latin sounds and dance music.

Havana Son features the husband and wife team of René and Lillian Herrera. The sultry sounds of a tropical paradise come to mind when one hears the pulsing rhythms and sweet melodies of Havana Son. Created by Cuban native René Herrera - not only known for being an award winning composer and arranger but also a former Mercury Records recording artist, this world renowned bandleader brings the music to life through his use of piano, vocals, guitar and TRES (traditional Cuban stringed instrument). René creates the true Latin sound. Lillian Valdes is of Cuban heritage and adds her unique vocal style to create an intoxicating cocktail of sounds. She graduated with a degree in music from the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio and has sung professionally in the classical music world as well as with many Latin Bands. She shakes things up a bit with the maracas and the guiro adding a touch of the Caribbean heat to classic American Standards. Playing authentic rhythms such as Son, Cha Cha Cha, Salsa, and Merengue, they keep the audience moving and revive the feeling of a bygone but not forgotten era.

Preston Fulcher rounds out the trio. Preston plays percussion i.e. drums, congas, etc.

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Havana Son Trio tickets are \$25 per person. You may order your Havana Son Trio tickets online at [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net) and click on Evenings of Intimate Jazz or you can call us at 770-534-2787. As always complimentary glasses, ice, set-ups, coffee and light snacks will be available

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**DIRECTIONS TO ARTS COUNCIL SMITHGALL ARTS CENTER**

**From Atlanta: Take I-85 north to Exit 113 bearing left onto I-985 north to Exit 20 GA Highway 60 (Queen City Pkwy/Candler Rd). Turn left onto GA 60 and proceed approximately 2 miles to intersection with GA Hwy 369 (Jesse Jewell Pkwy), turn right onto GA 369 and proceed approximately 1/2 mile to intersection with W. Academy St (poultry monument/railroad museum on left, BB&T on right) turn left onto W. Academy and proceed 2 blocks and the Arts Council *Smithgall Arts Center* will be on the right at the intersection of W. Academy and Spring Streets**

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