



Cultural Arts Council
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Dance to Havana Son Under the Stars in Douglasville!

Douglasville, Georgia – The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County will be heating up O’Neal Plaza with the sultry sounds of tropical paradise with the pulsing rhythms and sweet melodies of **Havana Son**. The Atlanta–based **Havana Son** will play for the Cultural Arts Council’s 3rd Saturdays Concert Series **on Saturday, September 19th from 7-9pm**. Free concert, bring lawn chairs (but don’t expect to sit in them very long!)

Havana Son was created by Cuban native Rene Herrera, known not only for being an award winning composer and arranger but also a former Mercury Records recording artist. This world-renowned bandleader brings Latin music to life through his use of piano, vocals, guitar and TRES (Traditional Cuban Stringed Instrument). Rene creates the true Latin sound and willingly shares it with his audience.

Lillian Herrera is of Cuban heritage and adds her unique vocal style to create an intoxicating cocktail of Latin and American sounds. She graduated with a degree in music from the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also studied Opera at Boston University under the training of Carlo Bergonzi, one of the top vocal coaches in the world. She has sung professionally in the classical music world as well as with many Latin bands.

Havana Son plays authentic Latin rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Son, Cha Cha, boleros, bachata, vallenato, cumbia and more. Having been in Atlanta for the last 12 years, **Havana Son** has played all over the metro Atlanta area performing at festivals such as the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Riverbend Music festival in Chattanooga, Centennial Olympic Park Music at Noon.

“**Havana Son** will provide a truly festive and celebratory last grown-ups, evening concert, presented by the Arts Council,” said Davina Grace Hill, Executive Director of CAC. “On October 17th the Plaza Performance will shift focus and time to become a Family event with a 4pm puppet show. But in September it’s hot Brazilian, steamy Cuban and fiery Mexican rhythms all the way. Bring your fans, this one’s gonna be hot!”

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, more information, or to make your reservations, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

