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MACLA and San Jose Jazz Present: *Día de San Juan Salsa Fest* *Celebrating Puerto Rican Culture*

San José, CA – May 29, 2024 – Get ready to dance the night away as MACLA and San Jose Jazz team up to bring a vibrant celebration of Puerto Rican culture. Join us on June 21, 2024 from 5-10 PM for an unforgettable fiesta at Parque de Los Pobladores (in front of MACLA) in downtown San José.

This event, ***Día de San Juan: Salsa Fest*** promises a night filled with exhilarating performances and family-friendly activities, all while celebrating the rich heritage of Puerto Rican culture. The evening will feature renowned Salsa bands: [Latin Rhythm Boys](#), [Orquesta Taino](#), and [La Mixta Criolla](#), with additional beats provided by the talented [DJ Leydis](#).

Outside at Parque de los Pobladores, in front of MACLA in downtown San José's South First Area (SoFA) District, ***Día de San Juan: Salsa Fest*** will run from 5 to 10:00 pm. This will be a free, family-friendly event. The ***Día de San Juan: Salsa Fest*** will highlight top-notch music performances grounded in Puerto Rican culture, including Salsa and Latin sounds, complemented by hands-on art activities for families, Caribbean food, and drinks.

Featured Performers

[Orquesta Taino](#): Formed in 2010, Orquesta Taino brings the elegant sophistication of a big orchestra with the power and energy of Salsa and Latin Jazz. Led by percussionist and vocalist Aaron Routtenberg, the band delivers unforgettable performances inspired by legends like Ray Barretto, Tito Puente, and Eddie Palmieri.

Latin Rhythm Boys: Founded by brothers Earl and Henry Miranda Jr., this band is a powerhouse of high-energy Puerto Rican music, blending Salsa and Jibaro sounds. They have captivated audiences with their unique style and stage presence, featuring guest artists such as Grammy winner Willy Torres.

La Mixta Criolla: This dynamic Bay Area ensemble blends diverse Afro-Latin traditions, captivating audiences with soulful performances of Afro-Caribbean grooves. Founded by percussionist and songwriter Héctor Lugo, La Mixta Criolla invites you to dance to their rich repertoire of originals and classic tunes.

DJ Leydis: Born in Cuba, DJ Leydis infuses contemporary hits with Latin, R&B, and reggae flavors. A pioneer in the Cuban hip-hop movement, she has worked with artists like Erykah Badu and Quest Love, bringing a unique spirit to her performances.

Event Details:

- **Date and Time:** June 21, 2024, 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- **Location:** Parque de Los Pobladores (in front of MACLA), 510 South First Street, San José, CA 95113
- **Admission:** FREE

Don't miss out on this free event celebrating the richness of Puerto Rican culture. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a night of music, culture, and community!

About MACLA: MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana is an inclusive contemporary arts space grounded in the Chicano/Latino experience that incubates new visual, literary, and performance art in order to engage people in civic dialogue and community transformation.

Website: Maclaarte.org Instagram: [@maccla_sanjose](https://www.instagram.com/maccla_sanjose)

About San Jose Jazz: Founded in 1986, San Jose Jazz is a public benefit organization celebrating jazz as a dynamic, evolving art form and is producer of the annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest, SJZ New Works Fest and other events. Through diverse music and educational programming, San Jose Jazz offers singular content and events by investing in the SF Bay Area ecosystem of exceptional talent for local and national audiences to enjoy.

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About Día de San Juan In honor of Puerto Rican national celebration of music, dance and *boricua* culture.

Día de San Juan Salsa Fest is made possible in part by Amazon, City of San José Vice Mayor Kamei, Councilmember Candelas, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Ortiz, Councilmember Torres, PG&E, SJ Water and Valley Water.

Artist interviews and hi-res photos are available upon request.

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