



BARTOW - PELL MANSION MUSEUM

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LATIN JAZZ GREAT BOBBY SANABRIA TO PERFORM AT BARTOW-PELL *FIRST FRIDAY!* IN AUGUST

Bronx, NY, July 23, 2012 — Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will present Latin jazz great Bobby Sanabria and his band for its *First Friday!* on August 3, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A Bronx native and multiple Grammy nominee, Sanabria is a drummer, percussionist, composer, arranger, conductor, and bandleader who has performed with Dizzy Gillespie, Tito Puente, Paquito D’Rivera, Afro-Cuban jazz godfather Mario Bauzá and other jazz legends. Sanabria, the band’s musical director and drummer, will be joined by Jeff Lederer on tenor and soprano saxophones, and flute; Enrique Haneine on piano; and Carlo DeRosa on acoustic bass.

The event is co-sponsored by The Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation’s (WHEDco) Bronx Music Heritage Center (BMHC) which celebrates the rich musical legacy of the Bronx by drawing upon and restoring pride in its history. The BMHC community, performance, and event space will be part of a development that also includes nearly 300 affordable apartments with a set-aside of live/work space for elder musicians, a school, a rooftop garden, and recreational space. Sponsoring performances by Bronx musicians is an important step in BMHC’s efforts to celebrate the musical heritage of the Bronx and create history for tomorrow’s generations. For more information: www.facebook.com/bronxmusicheritagecenter.

Bobby Sanabria’s music has been featured on numerous Grammy-nominated albums, including the soundtrack to *The Mambo Kings* and other movie soundtracks, and on television and radio. He is the associate producer of the award-winning documentaries *The Palladium: Where Mambo Was King*, and *From Mambo to Hip Hop*. A graduate of the Berklee College of Music, Sanabria is on the faculties of the New School and the Manhattan School of Music, and conducts Afro-Cuban Jazz Big Bands at both schools.

In 2011, he was named Percussionist of the Year by the Jazz Journalist Association. Sanabria's latest CD, *MULTIVERSE*, with his electrifying 19-piece Big Band, will be available in August on the Jazzheads label.

"We welcome Bobby Sanabria, a native Bronx talent, to Bartow-Pell, a hidden historic jewel in the Bronx," says BPMM executive director Ellen Bruzelius. "Sanabria and his band will jazz up BPMM in August with their Latin beat."

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The Museum will be open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Visitors may tour the mansion, stroll the garden and enjoy refreshments. Tickets are \$8; \$5 for seniors and students; and free for members. Light refreshments will be provided at no charge. Free transportation is provided by the Bronx Seaside Trolley, which makes a continuous loop from the Bx29 bus stop at Pelham Bay Park (last stop on the #6 train) to the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and to City Island. The trolley runs from 5:25 to 10:30 p.m. The last pick up at Bartow-Pell is at 8:40 p.m.

Reservations are requested; call 718-885-1461 or email info@bpmm.org. For the Bronx Seaside Trolley schedule, visit www.bpmm.org. For more information about Bobby Sanabria, visit www.bobbysanabria.com.

Bartow-Pell, an 1840s Greek Revival mansion and a National Historic Landmark, is owned by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, operated by the Bartow-Pell Conservancy, and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City.



Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. To reach us by public transportation, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park station, followed by the Westchester Bee-Line #45 bus direct to the mansion gate. For driving directions, please visit www.bpmm.org. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.