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LATIN JAZZ GREAT BOBBY SANABRIA AT BARTOW-PELL *FIRST FRIDAY!*

Bronx, NY, July 23, 2012 - They brought the audience to their feet last year—there wasn't a non-dancing foot in the Mansion or on the grounds—and they're coming back for more! On Friday August 2, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and Bronx Music Heritage Center will present Latin jazz great Bobby Sanabria and his band, Quarteto Ache' (positive energy), for its *First Friday!* from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"This band rockets between bop, straight-up and charging, to the languorous bolero, to galloping Cuban timba, to rhythms from Puerto Rico and Brazil and the Caribbean...it is propulsive, slangy, and above all historically literate."

- Ben Ratliff, The New York Times

A Bronx native and 7-time 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, Quarteto Aché's musical director and drummer, will be joined by Peter Brainin on tenor and soprano saxophones; Enrique Haneine on piano; and Andy Ealau on acoustic bass.

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, was released last August and received two Grammy nominations.

First Friday! music at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is made possible with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the New York State Council on the Arts decentralization program.

Free Transportation and Refreshments

In addition to enjoying the music, visitors may explore the mansion, stroll the grounds and partake of light refreshments from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The free Bronx Seaside Trolley makes a continuous loop from the Bx29 bus stop at Pelham Bay Park/#6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to Bartow-Pell and to City Island.

First Friday! begins at 5:30 p.m. Quarteto Ache' will play from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration requested: call 718-885-1461 or email info@bpmm.org. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors & students, BPMM members free.

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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.

The ***Bronx Music Heritage Center (BMHC)*** is committed to preserving and promoting Bronx music, cultivating Bronx artists, spurring neighborhood revival, and making cultural programs accessible to the community. For more information: bronxmusic.org.

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