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STAGE IS SET FOR DAYTON'S HOTTEST FIESTA AS 11TH ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

DAYTON – “¡Arriba!” is how Puerto Rican And Caribbean Organization (PACO) President Julio Gonzalez describes the 11th Annual [Hispanic Heritage Festival](#). “The ‘fiesta’ is back, making the end of summer sizzle with hot Latin music and spicy, delicious Latin food.”

The sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Rancheras, Latin Jazz, Cumbia and Bachata music will come alive from **11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, September 10**, at the [RiverScape MetroPark](#) Pavilion, 229 E. Monument Ave. in downtown Dayton.

“We are proud that we can share our rich Hispanic/Latino culture with the Miami Valley and it has become one of the premier festivals in the area,” stated Gonzalez. “The event will feature an introduction to Latin and Hispanic traditions through music, art, culture and delicious food.”

Entertainment also includes children’s activities and artisan merchants.

This year’s festival features two headliners, Sammy Deleon and Grupo Fuego. “They are going to bring the hot and sexy Latin music to the city,” Gonzalez laughed. The groups are made up of sultry vocals, sensational horn sections, rhythmic Latin percussions, smooth piano and thumping bass players. The talented bands have performed at festivals around the country including New York City, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Miami, and Columbus. “Their hot music has diverse rhythms from the Caribbean flavor of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata and Bolero and guarantees to keep the audience on their feet dancing,” Gonzalez said.

The 11th Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival is presented by the Puerto Rican And Caribbean Organization (PACO) and Five Rivers MetroParks. Sponsors include Kroger, MetLife, Vectren, CareSource, Miami Valley Hospital, Heidelberg Distributors Co., and Magnolia Estate LLC.

For more information, call Julio Gonzalez at (937) 760-7226 or visit www.metroarks.org.

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE:

1:00 - 1:30	Raices Dancers
2:00 - 3:30	Mexican Grupo Imperio
4:00 - 5:00	Rondalla de Puerto Rico
5:30 - 7:00	Grupo Son
7:00 - 7:15	Jalapeño Contest
7:30 - 9:00	Grupo Fuego
9:30 -11:00	Sammy de Leon

ABOUT PACO





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PACO is a non-profit organization dedicated to the success of the Hispanic/Latino community. Its goals are to promote awareness and educate Dayton and surrounding communities about Hispanic/Latino culture and history.

ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, high-quality river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as a steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages, and diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to ensure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto www.metro parks.org or call (937) 275-PARK.

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