

## A Tribute Celebration NOVEMBER 11, 12, 13, 2022

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# TITO RODRÍGUEZ El Inolvidable!

Following the acclaimed tributes to Tito Puente in April 2017 and Machito in May 2019, the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture presents **Tito Rodríguez** *¡El Inolvidable!* a three-day celebration of the iconic singer's life, song and lasting influence. With his elegant voice, graceful manner and impeccable style, Tito Rodríguez (1923-1973) rose to the pinnacle of Latin music leaving behind a legacy of boleros, Afro-Cuban standards, instrumentals and mambo. His musical and cultural impact are incalculable — influencing salsa greats from Cheo Feliciano to Gilberto Santa Rosa and forever living in the hearts of his fans, admirers and family.

The weekend includes film screenings, never-before-heard recordings, a family concert, and a panel discussion. Topping it all off are 2 main concerts with the **Tito Rodríguez Orchestra** under the direction of **Tito Rodríguez**, **Jr.** featuring special guest artist **Gilberto Santa Rosa** — LIVE & ON STAGE AT HOSTOS. Together they perform 24 of the beloved singer's legendary songs - from his mambos and cha-cha-chas to his romantic boleros and smokey torch songs. Join us November 11, 12, and 13 on a journey and celebration of *¡El Inolvidable!* 

















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#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11



#### LISTENING ROOM WITH JOE CONZO, SR.

NEVER BEFORE HEARD RECORDINGS: 1940s & 1950s

Fri | Nov 11 | 5:30 pm Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos Free Admission. Limited Seating.

Enjoy a glass of wine with hors d'oeuvres as acclaimed author, historian and record producer Joe Conzo, Sr. plays never-before-heard live recordings of Tito Rodríguez from the '40s and '50s.

Film Rarities with Henry Medina

MAMBO MADNESS & BEYOND

Fri | Nov 11 | 7:30 pm | Repertory Theater Free Admission. Tickets Required.



Highlights of Tito Rodríguez on film and television, from the 1955 short *Mambo Madness* to rarities and beyond. Collector Henry Medina will screen film segments, a pilot TV show from the mid-1960s and a 2007 special featuring a wide range of special artists and guests. Followed by a Q&A talkback.

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12**



#### THE MAMBO? A BOLERO? TITO RODRÍGUEZ? A FAMILY CONCERT FOR ALL AGES

Sat | Nov 12 | 12:30 pm Repertory Theater Free Admission. Tickets Required.

Legendary percussionist John "Dandy" Rodríguez, Jr. and his 10-piece band introduce families to Latin music and the impact of Tito Rodríguez. John is one of the few remaining artists who performed and recorded with Tito Puente, Machito and Tito Rodríguez.

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

Panel Discussion
THE LEGACY OF TITO RODRÍGUEZ

Sat | Nov 12 | 3:30 pm | Repertory Theater Free Admission. Tickets Required.



Eguie Castrillo, moderator

Percussionist | Associate Professor at Berklee College of Music

Tito Rodríguez, Jr.

Percussionist | Bandleader | Musical Director, Tito Rodríguez Orchestra

**Gilberto Santa Rosa** 

El Caballero de la Salsa | Tito Rodríguez Collector

Joe Conzo, Sr.

Author | Latin Music Historian | Music Producer

René López

Author | Latin Music Historian | Music Producer

John "Dandy" Rodríguez, Jr.

Percussionist | Bandleader

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13**

LISTENING ROOM WITH JOE CONZO, SR.

NEVER BEFORE HEARD RECORDINGS: 1960s & 1970s

Sun | Nov 13 | 2:00 pm Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos Free Admission. Limited Seating.



Enjoy coffee, tea and baked goods before the 4 pm Main Concert - as acclaimed author, historian and record producer **Joe Conzo**, **Sr.** plays never-before-heard live recordings of Tito Rodríguez from the '60s and early '70s.

#### SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

- All Adults: Must show proof of vaccination OR proof of a negative PCR Test taken 7 days prior with a valid Photo ID.
- Children 5 and Over: Must show proof of vaccination OR a negative PCR Test taken 7 days prior.
- . Masking: Masking inside the theater is required.

**Vaccinated** is defined as having received 2 doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or the 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Only valid, physical CDC cards or the NYS Excelsior Pass are accepted.

**NOVEMBER 12 & 13** 

#### TWO MAIN CONCERTS

LIVE! IN PERSON

### i El Inolvidable!

Tito Rodríguez Jr. & The Tito Rodríguez Orchestra with Gilberto Santa Rosa



**Tito Rodríguez, Jr.** leads his father's famous 16-piece orchestra with multi-Grammy Award winner **Gilberto Santa Rosa** — El Caballero de la Salsa. Together they bring us 24 of Tito's most iconic songs - from *Mama Güela* to *Tiemblas* and more. Not to be missed!

Sat | Nov 12 | 8:00 pm | Main Theater Sun | Nov 13 | 4:00 pm | Main Theater

**RESERVED SEATING** 

Orch: \$100, \$85 | Mezz: \$65 | Balcony \$45 Call for Student, Senior & Group Discounts