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NAME OF PROGRAM:

Gabriel Alegria's Afro-Peruvian Sextet Concert
Presented as part of the Eastern Music Festival Fringe Series

DATE/TIME:

Saturday, January 26, 2008, 8:00 pm

FEE:

\$15.00 (Seniors & Students: \$10.00)

LOCATION:

Greensboro Cultural Center, Music Center Music Hall, Room 100

ADDRESS:

200 N. Davie Street, Greensboro, NC

DESCRIPTION:

Smoldering jazz is kicked up with the intoxicating polyrhythms of coastal Perú as trumpeter and composer Gabriel Alegria continues to chart a fresh new idiom. Combining his own distinctive approach to the jazz trumpet with the rich heritage of Afro-Peruvian music, Alegria is joined by saxophonist Laurandrea Leguia, guitarist Yuri Juárez, bassist Joscha Oetz, drummer Hugo Alcázar and master percussionist Freddy "Huevito" Lobatón-who plays traditional Afro-Peruvian instruments such as cajón (box drum) and quijada (jaw bone) and adds spectacular passages of zapateo dancing.



The 2008 tour features music from Alegria's latest recording *Nuevo Mundo* scheduled for release on January 13, 2008. This landmark recording features guest appearances by some of today's jazz luminaries such as vocalist Tierney Sutton, multi-grammy award winning Russell Ferrante, and jazz legends Bill Watrous and Bobby Shew. Alegria's CD is available exclusively through his web site www.gabrielalegria.com as well as information regarding the Afro-Peruvian jazz music movement and community.

The 2008 tour will span the United States and Canada with a kick off performance at the prestigious IAJE convention scheduled for Jauary 9-13, 2008 in Toronto, Canada.

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