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Latin Music Band Grupo Fantasma to Play Free Concert on UC Davis Quad

August 1, 2007; Davis, California—Latin music juggernaut **Grupo Fantasma** will play a free concert on the **UC Davis Quad** as the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts SummerMusic 2007** series comes to a close August 21. The 11-member band, hailed as “one of the all-time great Texas dance bands” (*Pop Culture Press*), is known for its inventive blend of a wide range of Latin music styles and its exuberant live performances.

The event will begin at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, August 21 on the Quad, which is situated adjacent to the **Memorial Union** and **Shields Library** on the eastern side of the university campus near downtown Davis. Parking is available in university lot P10 near the intersection of A Street and First Street. In accordance with university policy, alcoholic beverages are not permitted. The event is sponsored by **UC Davis Summer Sessions**.

With a lineup that includes members from places as far flung as New York City; Managua, Nicaragua; and Laredo, Texas; Grupo Fantasma is based in Austin, Texas, and is considered one of the most exciting groups to emerge from that city’s vibrant music scene in recent years. The group has been named Best Latin Band in the Austin Music Awards for five years running and cited by the *Austin Chronicle* as “the best band in Austin.”

Featuring a double rhythm section and four horns, Grupo Fantasma has a driving sound that incorporates contemporary and traditional Latin music influences and never fails to get audiences dancing. The group has opened for a wide range of artists including **Los Lobos**, **Flaco Jimenez**, **Patti Smith**, and **KRS-One**, and has issued three CDs: *Grupo Fantasma* in 2001, *Movimiento Popular* in 2004, and *Comes Alive* in 2006. Critics have called Group Fantasma “the best little Latin dance band in Texas” (*Toronto Star*), and the

group has won numerous honors, including Best Latin Rock group at the 2005 Univision Awards.

Members of Grupo Fantasma include **Adrian M. Quesada** (guitar), **Beto Martinez** (guitar, cuatro), **David S. Lobel** (saxophones), **Gengee Centeno** (saxophones), **Gilbert Elorreaga** (trumpet), **Greg Gonzalez** (bass), **Johnny Lopez III** (drums, vocals), **Jose Galeano** (vocals, percussion), **Rodolfo "Kino" Rodriguez** (vocals), **Leo Gauna** (trombone), and **Matthew Holmes** (percussion).

What: **Grupo Fantasma**
When: Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 pm
Where: UC Davis Quad
University of California, Davis
Admission: Free
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