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**LEGENDARY PIANIST CHUCHO VALDÉS BRINGS HIS QUINTET
TO ZELLERBACH HALL ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7 AT 8:00 P.M.**

BERKELEY, October 4, 2012—Latin jazz icon **Chucho Valdés** will bring his quintet to **Cal Performances** on **Wednesday, November 7 at 8:00 p.m.** at Zellerbach Hall. His band includes **Yaroldy Robles**, percussion; **Dreisser Bombalé**, data drum and vocals; **Rodney Barreto**, drums; and **Angel Perellada**, bass, will perform a smoking hot showing of Latin jazz that Valdés has influenced for the last five decades. One of the foremost instrumentalists to emerge from Cuba, eight time Grammy-winning Valdés has been hailed by the *New York Times* as a “pianist of imperial command, possessed of a dazzling, deceptively casual virtuosity.” The program will be announced from the stage.

Born in 1941, **Dionisio Jesus “Chucho” Valdés** grew up in a musical environment with acclaimed pianist Bebo Valdes as his father. He started taking piano lessons at the age of five and graduated from the Municipal Music Conservatory of Havana nine years later. In addition to his skills as a jazz pianist, he has been praised as a composer, teacher and music director. In 1973 Valdés formed the acclaimed band Ikare which became known for their explosive mixture of jazz, rock, classicism and traditional Cuban music. His many collaborators include Herbie Hancock, Dizzy Gillespie, John Lewis, Wyton Marsalis and ensembles including Lincoln Centre Big Band and John Clayton Big Band. Valdes became a Goodwill Ambassador of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nation in 2006 and has performed annually for the cause. He has also chaired the Organization Committee of International Jazz Plaza in Cuba. Valdés has toured extensively in over 50 countries and has performed in many famed concert halls including Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Hollywood Bowl and Teatro Colon of Buenos Aires. His current group, Chucho Valdés Quintet, was formed recently with percussionists from his previous group Chucho Valdés and the Afro-Cuban Messenger. Valdez has recorded 87 albums.

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TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the **Chucho Valdés Quintet** on **November 7** at **8:00 p.m.** and in **Zellerbach Hall** start at **\$26.00**, and are subject to change. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at www.calperformances.org; and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5.00 discount (Special Events excluded). For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior, and community rush tickets. For more information about discounts, go to <http://calperformances.org/buy/discounts.php> or call (510) 642-9988.

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Wednesday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

World Stage

Chucho Valdés Quintet

Yaroldy Robles, *percussion*

Dreisser Bombalé, *data drum and vocals*

Rodney Barreto, *drums*

Angel Perellada, *bass*

Program: The dean of Latin jazz and one of the world's great virtuoso pianists, multi-Grammy Award winner Chucho Valdés comes to Cal Performances with his band, Chucho Valdés Quintet.

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