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## **CAPA Announces Hybrid Event for 2021 with ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto! September 18**

The Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA) today announced that Festival Latino will return in 2021 as ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto!, a live, in-person concert on Saturday, September 18, at the John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons downtown. The concert is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance at [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net). It will also be livestreamed to the [Festival Latino web site](#) and [Festival Latino Facebook page](#).

The concert will be supplemented with a series of online videos and activities that highlight some of the favorite features of Festival Latino, including offerings in Latin music, food, dance, children's activities, and fashion. The online offerings of ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto! will be posted to the [Festival Latino web site](#) and [Festival Latino Facebook page](#).

This is a one-time, alternative format for Festival Latino with the intention of returning to its traditional, two-day format and timing in 2022.

Produced by CAPA, ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto! is presented by **HONDA**. Other sponsors include Nationwide, AEP Foundation, L Brands, City of Columbus Department of Recreation and Parks, Abbott, and the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

“While not in its traditional form, we are excited for this new, one-time format of ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto!, offering an exciting lineup of international Latin music stars in a one-night-only concert complemented with online cultural components,” stated CAPA President and CEO Chad Whittington. “We invite central Ohio to celebrate this rich culture with us and enjoy great food, great music, and a great live concert event.”

### **Saturday, September 18**

Hosted by comedian [Radel Ortiz](#), a Dominican American artist from East New York drawing a big following on social media due to hilarious interactions with his family, ¡Viva Festival Latino en Concierto! will be held at the Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion in the John F. Wolfe Columbus Commons (160 S. High St.) directly behind the Ohio Theatre. Gates open at 4 pm. In addition, the concert will be streamed live through the [Festival Latino web site](#) and [Festival Latino Facebook page](#).

#### **5 pm - Yumbambé**

Comprised of some of Columbus’ most prominent jazz musicians, Yumbambé’s unique mix of vocals and authentic percussion instruments gives them a smooth but spicy sound.

#### **6:15 pm - Patrick Shannon**

After years of singing in Spanish and diverse musical genres, Patrick Shannon, finalist of Estrella TV’s “Tengo Talento Mucho Talento,” has found his passion for ranchera music, a genre that originated on the ranches of rural Mexico and is closely associated with Mariachi.

#### **7:15 pm - Funk Salsa Urban**

One of the most dominant and sought-after bands in New York City, Funk Salsa Urban fuses salsa rhythms, funk, and urban with Spanglish lyrics to create their own fresh inner-city sound.

#### **9 pm - Fulanito**

An American group of Dominican origin, Fulanito’s music combines traditional merengue with rap, house, hip hop, and other genres with lyrics usually in Spanglish. The group gained international fame with hit singles “Guallando,” “El Cepillo,” and “La Novela” from their first album, and furthered their notoriety with second album, *El Padrino*, that garnered a Grammy nomination. Fulanito have sold nearly 10 million records worldwide.

## **Concert Tickets**

Tickets are free but reservations are required and can be made at [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net). Each reservation can include up to six people. Attendees should show the ticket code on their mobile device or print out a PDF of their tickets to present at the gate. All tickets are general admission, lawn seating.

## **Parking**

Parking is available at the Columbus Commons Main Parking Garage, located at 55 East Rich Street, just steps away from the park. Spaces are also available at the Columbus Commons' underground garage at 191 South Third Street. Parking is \$5.

## **Food & Beverage Policy**

Food trucks will be operating on-site. Beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will also be available for purchase. Attendees may NOT bring in outside food or beverages.

## **Event Policy**

Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating but no tables. Pets, skateboards, solicitation or unauthorized sales, handbills, weapons, plastic tarps, tents, and use of stakes are not permitted. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. Flash cameras, laser pointers, and/or video or audio recorders of any kind are not permitted during the performance.

## **Restrooms**

Port-o-lets will be on site.

## **Weather Policy**

The concert is rain or shine. There is no rain date.

## **Bus Transportation**

COTA buses will run their regularly scheduled routes to and from downtown. Patrons can get information on bus schedules and stops at [www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com).

## **Bicycle Parking**

Bicycles can be locked up at bike racks throughout the park.

## **Safety**

Medical personnel will be on-site for first aid needs. Columbus Police and other security staff will be on-site monitoring park activity.

Outside the park, Capital Crossroads uniformed ambassadors can provide directions, information about downtown, and/or car escort services. For more information on Capital Crossroads' services, please call 614.228.5718.

## **Accessibility**

All gates are handicap accessible. Accessible restrooms and seating will be located in the northeast corner of the lawn seating area on the Third Street side of the park.

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**CAPA presents ¡VIVA FESTIVAL LATINO EN CONCIERTO!**

**Saturday, September 18, 5-10 pm**

**Columbus Bicentennial Pavilion in the Columbus Commons (160 S. High St.)**

Celebrate the heart of Latin America with a free, one-night-only concert offering international Latin music artists live on stage at the Columbus Commons. Columbus-based, Latin jazz group Yumbambé opens the concert event at 5 pm. At 6:15 pm, ranchera artist Patrick Shannon will perform followed by the urban salsa stylings of Funk Salsa Urban at 7:15 pm. The concert wraps up with Dominican-influenced, international group Fulanito at 9 pm with their merengue infused with rap, house, and bachata. Gates open at 4pm. Food trucks will be operating on-site. Beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will also be available for purchase. Attendees may NOT bring in outside food or beverages. The concert is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance at [www.FestivalLatino.net](http://www.FestivalLatino.net).

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#### **About CAPA**

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Drexel Theatre, Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts (New Albany, OH), and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a non-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com).

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