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Academy Art Museum Gala Paints the Town

**CALENDAR ITEM**

The Academy Art Museum will host its Spring Gala “Paint the Town” on Saturday, May 7, 2011 beginning at 6 p.m. at the historic Avalon Theatre. The night of celebrating Cuban style begins with a concert by the nine-time Grammy award winner Paquito D’Rivera and his Latin Jazz ensemble. D’Rivera, who has Cuban roots, has recorded more than 30 solo albums featuring his alluring clarinet and sultry alto saxophone. His latest acclaimed release, “Tango Jazz: Live at Jazz at Lincoln Center,” was recorded in New York City in March 2010.

Following the Gala concert, guests will stroll to the Academy Art Museum where the Gala continues with Mojitos, other cocktails and an authentic Cuban dinner under the stars, along with Art Sign-Up Events for the rare opportunities to visit homes of the Shore’s most distinguished art collections. The Gala supports the Academy Art

Museum's mission to enhance cultural life on the Eastern Shore by making available to everyone the Museum's expanding collection, exhibitions, and broad spectrum of arts programs. The Museum's ArtReach and Art to Go programs reach underserved populations on the Mid-Shore.

For further information on the Academy Art Museum's Gala, "Paint the Town !" visit [www.academyartmuseum.org](http://www.academyartmuseum.org) or call 410-822-2787.

**CUTLINE: Pictured is the multi-talented clarinetist/alto**

**saxophonist/composer/bandleader Paquito D'Rivera, a nine-time GRAMMY award winner, who will perform at this year's Academy Art Museum Gala: Paint the Town**  
**(Photo by Lane Pederson)**



