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WHO: Academy Art Museum

WHAT: Paint the Town CUBAN! Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 2011, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Concert: Avalon Theatre, 40 E. Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601; Hors
d'oeuvres: Academy Art Museum; Dinner: Waterfowl Building

The Academy's Paint the Town CUBAN! Party will be held 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 was born in Cuba, 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 concert, guests will stroll to the Academy Art Museum where the party continues with Mojitos and other cocktails at the Academy Art Museum and an authentic Cuban dinner at the Waterfowl Building, along with sign-ups for Artful Adventures – the rare opportunities to visit homes of the Shore's most distinguished art collections and to experience art in other creative ways. The fundraiser 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.

Media guests will be provided a dinner. Please reply by May 4, 2011 to Amy Steward 410-829-0436.