


# Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance to Perform at Houston Cultural Festival on October 22nd



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The Puerto Rican and Cuban Festival (PRC Fest), one of the most prominent and popular festivals in Houston, hosts its 5th annual day of celebration on October 22nd at Tranquility Park in downtown Houston. As attendees celebrate with salsa, merengue and Spanish Caribbean culture, Austin's Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance will be spotlighted with their first appearance at the event.

This year, the PRC Festival will honor the musical legacy and life of the queen of salsa Celia Cruz. Orchestras and dance groups will feature special songs and dances to remember the Guarachera de Cuba. To celebrate its 5th year, the festival brings the world famous Papo Lucca and La Sonora Poncena from

Puerto Rico for the first time to Texas and the United States Southwest. Papo Lucca, considered one of the best piano instrumentalists in Latin Jazz and salsa, is the co-founder of the emblematic Puerto Rican orchestra.

"We'll be warming up the stage for none other than salsa legend Papo Lucca and La Sonora Poncena," said Dr. Ana Maria Tekina-eiru' Maynard, Founding Director of the Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance and Cultural Center. "They expect an attendance of more than 20,000 - we are crazy-excited!"

In addition to the Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance, performers at the festival include Rainel Pino con Orquesta de Timba, Grupo Ka-Che, Angelucho Y Su Copacabana, Salmerum, Gonzo & Amanda Dance Showcase, Rafael Perez from Cuba, LD Dance Company and Houston Salsa Congress. Cuban, Dominican and Puerto Rican restaurants will offer delicacies throughout the festival.

A portion of the PRC Festival proceeds will be donated to the National Hispanic Professional Organization to help Latinos with career opportunities, professional development and leadership training. For more information and to purchase festival tickets, visit: [www.PRCFestival.com](http://www.PRCFestival.com).

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