

Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance Staging *Boricua Beisbol* on December 4th

Emilio had his life all planned, until his game-winning home run propelled his small-town baseball team, Los Jibaros, into the playoffs. The original comedy and adventure story - as Emilio meets inspiring and unexpected advisors - takes the stage when Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance presents *Boricua Beisbol* on December 4th at 3 p.m. in the Rollins Studio Theatre at The Long Center for the Performing Arts.

The performance combines live music, dance and theater to guide the audience on a journey through defining moments in the history of baseball and the people of Puerto Rico. Each year, Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance stages their *Sembrando Herencia* to celebrate the often-forgotten elements from Puerto Rico's rich heritage, bringing history to life for both the audience and the dancers, musicians and performing arts students who create in the experience.

The 8th annual production, *Boricua Beisbol*, is written by PRFDance Director Ana Maria Tekina-eiru' Maynard and produced in collaboration with Rupert Reyes, Director of Teatro Vivo, baseball aficionado Edwin Baez and sports author Jeff Katz - who provided research direction in the early months of story development.

Since 1997, the Puerto Rican Folkloric Dance has produced artistic programming - including the large annual stage production, *Celebrando*, with Puerto Rican folklore masters - and maintains both a professional performing company and a junior company, who perform full-length productions in all of Puerto Rico's traditional styles of live music and dance. The organization also offers more than a dozen ongoing, weekly programs in dance, music ensemble, instruments and song, percussion, choir, performance training, history, and cultural workshops - from sports to crafts.

Tickets are \$12 for adults in advance, and \$14 at the door. Children's tickets are \$7, with free admission to children two years old and younger. Rollins Studio Theatre is located at 701 West Riverside Drive, at the corner of South First Street. For more information and advance tickets, call the Long Center Box Office at (512) 474-LONG or visit <http://prfdance.org>.



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