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Walfredo Reyes Jr. Receives KoSA Lifetime Achievement Award



Walfredo "Wally" Reyes, Jr., is well known within the music industry for his versatility as a player. Whether he's performing on drumset, percussion, or both, Wally brings unparalleled passion, artistry, and technical skill to every musical situation. These qualities have made him a first-call drummer/percussionist for such world-renowned artists as Steve Winwood, Cristina Aguilera, Carlos Santana, Gloria Estefan, Celia Cruz, and Larry Carlton, among dozens of others. Wally is also a talented and tireless educator who frequently presents clinics and teaches at drumming camps around

the world. This part of his drumming persona recently earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award from the KoSA International Percussion Workshops. The award-presented to Wally at the 2009 KoSA Summer Workshop in Montreal, Quebec, Canada-cited Wally's "enormous contribution to world rhythms on drumset performance and education." As a frequent instructor at the KoSA workshops (including this year), Wally was pleased to receive the award from KoSA directors Aldo Mazza and Jolan Kovacs-Mazza. The KoSA workshops provide personalized, hands-on training to participants ranging in age from nine to sixty-plus, offered by a faculty of top musical artists and educators like Walfredo Reyes, Jr. The 2009 summer program was the fourteenth edition, and was held at the new KoSA Centre des Arts in Montreal from July 30th through August 2nd. In addition to classes, participants enjoyed concert performances by Wally and other faculty members each evening. Latin Percussion is a long-time supporter of the KoSA program.

For more information on Walfredo Reyes, Jr. please visit his website at: walfredoreyesjr.com



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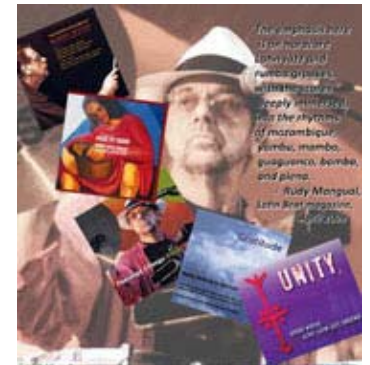
and his artist description at LPmusic.com. For more information on the KoSA workshops visit kosamusic.com.

Photo caption: LP artist Walfredo Reyes Jr. is flanked by KoSA directors Aldo Mazza (left) and Jan Kovacs-Mazza. Photo ©by LP




Watts Towers Day of Drum/Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

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A plethora of international ensemble of drummers performed at the 28th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival on Saturday, September 26, 2009. Jazz legends entertained the crowd on Sunday, September 27, for the 33rd Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival. Son de La Tierra featuring Perico Hernández spiced up the Drum Festival with some hot Afro-Cuban rhythms.



Latin Grammy Awards Berklee Nominees



Four Berklee alumni were nominated for Latin Grammy Awards in the categories Best Latin Jazz Album, Producer of the Year, Best New Artist, and Best Latin Children's Album. The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at the Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas.

Drummer, composer, and educator **Bobby Sanabria '79** received a nomination in the Best Latin Jazz Album category for *Kenya Revisited Live!!!* He conducted the Manhattan School of Music Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra on this record.

Aureo Baqueiro '92, a recording artist, producer, and composer, is nominated for Producer of the Year. Baqueiro, who has worked with artists including Sin Bandera and Aleks Syntek, recently served as a judge for the first Berklee Canta en Español singer/songwriter contest.

Alexander Acha '03, whose debut album, *Voy*, reached gold status, is among the nominees for Best New Artist. He is also involved with Berklee Canta en Español—he is set to perform along with other rising Latin American artists at the contest's culminating concert in Mexico City in October. Visit <http://www.berklee.edu/news/855/students-and-alumni-to-perform-in-mexico-concert> for more information about the event.

Jair Oliveira '97 was nominated in the Best Latin Children's Album category for *Grandes Pequeñinos*—a collaboration with his wife Tania Khalill-Oliveira is a composer, singer, and producer.

Since the Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences founded the awards in 2000, 12 Berklee alumni have received 35 Latin Grammy Awards. Sixty-two Berklee alumni have received 176 Grammy Awards. Visit <http://www.berklee.edu/awards/> for complete lists of past award

winners from the Berklee community.

***Berklee College of Music** was founded on the revolutionary principle that the best way to prepare students for careers in music was through the study and practice of contemporary music. For over 60 years, the college has evolved constantly to reflect the state of the art of music and the music business. With over a dozen performance and nonperformance majors, a diverse and talented student body representing over 70 countries, and a music industry "who's who" of alumni, Berklee is the world's premier learning lab for the music of today-and tomorrow.*



Pit Bull and Drop Dead Beats!



Miami's renowned Super Producer - **Adrian "Drop" Santalla** and his super production team **Drop Dead Beats** are finally taking their slice of the music industry. Drop Dead Beats has been busy blending beats with some of music's hottest A-list artists, from Lil' Wayne, Fat Joe, Diddy, Akon, The Game, Lupe Fiasco and on, and on, and on. Drop's touch has given him the fortune of having contributed to such platinum hits as *Lean Back* and *Make it Rain* by Fat Joe and Lil' Wayne, and 2009 is sure to bring many more. This super production team recently diversified its talent portfolio with the emergence of one of music's newest assets-singer, songwriter, producer, Phenom! The Duo's 09' presence will be hard

to miss with the new hit *Triumph*, the first song on Pitbull's latest album *Rebellion*, in stores now, which features music sensation Avery Storm (featured on Rick Ross' smash hit single *Here I Am*) and executive produced by Jim Jonsin. Tune in to ESPN and ABC Sports to hear *Triumph*, beginning the month of Sept. 2009. The chemistry for hit records is ever changing and seems like Drop Dead Beats is the catalyst for it.



13th Annual Latino International Film Festival

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It was very hot outside of the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood on Sunday, October 11, 2009. The occasion was the Red Carpet Arrivals to kick off the 13th Annual Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival (LALIFF) Opening Night & Gabi Lifetime Achievement Award Gala. LALIFF co-founders Edward James Olmos and Marlene Dermer were joined by Latino luminaries as they strolled down the Red Carpet for the West Coast premiere of "Broken Embraces" (Los Abrazos Rotos), written and directed by Pedro Almodovar from Sony Pictures Classics.

The luminaries consisted of Eva Longoria Parker, Lluís Homar, Blanca Portillo, Jimmy Smits,

Judy Reyes, Dave Navarro, Lupe Ontiveros, Rick Najera, Nick González, Christina Vidal, Lisa Vidal, Arlene Tur, Gergory Cruz, Benito Martínez, Simon Brand, Beau Bridges, Maria Conchita Alonso, Marisol Nichols, Danay García, Drew Sidora, Missy Maples, Monique Curnen, Pepe Serna, Sam Sarpong, Susie Castillo, Tia López, Walter Pérez, Cindy Iglesias, Francesco Quinn, Todd Newhouse, José Martínez, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Lu Parker, to name a few.

Two-time Academy Award® Winner, Pedro Almodovar was honored with the festival's 2009 Gabi Lifetime Achievement Award. Actress Eva Longoria Parker accepted the award on behalf of Pedro Almodovar.

The 13th Annual Los Angeles International Film Festival was held at Mann Chinese 6 Cinemas from October 12-16, 2009. Emerging and established filmmakers from around the world showcased their features, documentaries and short films depicting the diversity, creativity, innovation and sometimes, provocative Latino experience.

The Closing Night and the Award Ceremony & Gala was held on Friday, October 16th, at Paramount Theatre at the Paramount Studio Lot, featuring the movie "Women In Trouble."

Images:

#1-Enrique Castillo, Lupe Ontiveros, Pepe Serna, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Lu Parker and Edward James Olmos

Picture #2-Kuno Becker and Edward James Olmos

Picture #3-Edward James Olmos

Picture #4-Marisol Nichols

Picture #5-David Navarro and Todd Newhouse

Picture #6-Gregory Cruz

Picture #7-Judy Reyes

Picture #8-Missy Maples

Picture #9-Lisa Vidal and Christina Vidal

Picture #10-Jimmy Smits

Picture #11-Lluis Homar and Blanca Portillo

Picture #12-Eva Longoria Parker (center)



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