

# *Víctor Manuelle will close Salsa Festival in Cuba*

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Havana, February 6 (RHC) -- Renowned Puerto Rican performer and composer Víctor Manuelle will close the fifth edition of the Salsa Festival in Cuba, scheduled for February 25/March 1. Accompanied by his orchestra, the so called 'Sonero de la Juventud' will perform in the country for the first time, an idea on which, according to the event's organizing committee president, Cuban Maykel Blanco, Manuelle has expressed his satisfaction at the idea of having a concert in Cuba as he has visited the island but never for work.

At a news conference at the Iberostar Parque Central Hotel, Blanco offered details about the Festival, which in this fifth edition changes its usual location of Havana's Metropolitan Park for the Maritime promenade of 1st and 70 in Miramar, Playa Municipality. According to the pianist and leader of the Salsa Mayor band, between three and four orchestras will be presented everyday after eight o'clock at night, after the varied presentation of orchestras and bands, dance troupes and DJs.

The Septeto Santiaguero, Formell y Los Van Van, Manolito Simonet y Su Trabuco, NG La Banda, Havana D'Primera, Pupy y los que Son Son, Haila Mompié, Tania Pantoja, Lazarito Valdés and Bamboleo, El Niño y la Verdad, Papucho and Manana Club, Adalberto Álvarez y su Son and others, make up the event's list of Cuban performers. Among the program's collateral actions will be dance workshops, basically focusing on Afro-Cuban rhythms, rumba, salsa and casino. Their venue is El Sauce Cultural Center and they are aimed at the more than 380 foreign clients who have confirmed their

participation.

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