

News

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Media Advisory

WHAT: Grufolpawa!, a program featuring live music and Panamanian folk dance

- **WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 6 5-8 p.m.
- WHERE: Kogod Courtyard Smithsonian American Art Museum Eighth and F streets N.W.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. the Smithsonian American Art Museum will present a celebration of Hispanic heritage featuring Grufolpawa, an organization devoted to Panamanian culture. Grufolpawa will teach the folk dances "cumbia" and "tamborito" with live music by Jairo y sus Muchachos. Audience members will be encouraged to participate.

This program is part of "Fiesta de las Américas," a series offered by the museum to celebrate Latino culture. Upcoming "Fiesta de las Américas" programs are listed below; for details, visit <u>americanart.si.edu/calendar</u>.

- Thursday, Sept. 3; 5 8 p.m.
 Salsa dance program—"Old World Traditions & Modern Perspectives"
- Saturday, Sept. 12; 1 5 p.m.
 "Fiesta de las Américas" Family Day
- Saturday, Sept. 26; 3 p.m. Lecture—"Production and Propaganda—Colonial Art from the Spanish Caribbean, Panama and Peru"
- Friday, Oct. 9; 7 p.m. Artist discussion—"Latino Art in Transition"

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is located at Eighth and F streets N.W., above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except Dec. 25. Admission is free. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000 or TTY (202) 633-5285. Museum information: (202) 633-7970. Web site: <u>americanart.si.edu</u>.

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