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Workshops from the World Beat Series

(Brooklyn, NY – September 1, 2011) – **“World Beat: A Study of Diverse Cultures in NYC Through Dance and Music”**. The goal of **World Beat** is to enrich the education of cultural music and dance by direct services through a series of professional interactive concerts. This month the **World Beat Series** will focus on Latin dance with Salsa dance workshops with esteemed dancer **Nydia Ocasio**.

Nydia Ocasio

Nydia is known for her Latin, Caribbean, and Afro-Cuban style of dancing. Her unique teaching style combines Salsa, Puerto Rican, Afro-Cuban and Brazilian Folklore dance; with contemporary Latin dance style techniques to help “ground the students and strengthen their relationship to the music. This ultimately improves their personal dance style. It is here, during the styling portion of the class that she instills the basic understanding of her trademark to her students. Pointers are periodically given to body movement and footwork that involve specific arm, eye and shoulder placement. She incorporates lyrical and rhythmic combinations designed to stretch and strengthen the body and develop its expressive possibilities. She carefully demonstrates body technique and styling that is applied to a variety of Latin music she progressively uses in her class. It is here where she shows her students to understand the role of each specified movement and positioning, their relationship being masculine or feminine to the associated music. She firmly suggests to whose leading the other on the dance floor, to avoid using your partner as a "spinning prop" and just dance. Nydia’s ultimate goal is to assist her students to further develop not only their skills as Latin dancers but also develop their appreciation to the Latin music and Artists.

We hope to see you at the workshops! Please see the following dates and times to attend:

Thursday, September 8, 2011, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Salsa Workshop with Nydia Ocasio

NY Public Library 224 East 125th Street (near Third Ave.) New York, NY 10035-1786
Info/Directions: (212) 534-5050

Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Salsa Workshop with Nydia Ocasio

NY Public Library 224 East 125th Street (near Third Ave.) New York, NY 10035-1786
Info/Directions: (212) 534-5050

For more information, visit:

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Circuit Productions, Inc. was founded by Susan Goldbetter in 1986 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, production and preservation of the uniquely American art forms of jazz, tap and world music and dance. Our mission is to inspire, entertain and educate underserved audiences in New York through performances, public classes, workshops, and arts education programs featuring artists who are living legends of the city's rich jazz and ethnic/world music history. Annually, Circuit provides booking and management services for senior and emerging artists - placing performers in museums, libraries, NYC festivals, local colleges, public schools, and hospitals.



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