

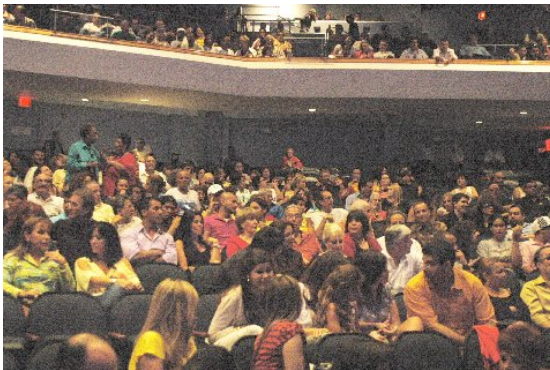
# THE ASPIRANTE

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## EDDIE PALMIERI'S MASTERPIECE BENEFITS ASPIRA of FLORIDA, INC.

Felix L. Cruz, Vice President YLD Outreach



the Coral Springs Arts & Cultural Center in Broward County.

The concert turned out to be one big jam session beginning with the rhythmic sounds of the opening act by Ma'Duro, and culminating with the explosive salsa sounds of Palmieri. Reviving such classics as La Malanga, Puerto Rico, and La Jeba, Palmieri



At the reception, VIP concert attendees were able to mingle with Palmieri (who signed autographs), his band members and ASPIRA staff and Board Members. A highlight of the reception was the formal recognition of Miami Dade College, by the ASPIRA Board

**Coral Springs, FL.** In a Sun-Sentinel article on June 25, 2008, writer Deborah Ramirez characterized Pianist and Bandleader Eddie Palmieri as a "Mambo King" who has migrated toward the more centrist sound of Latin jazz. On Sunday, June 29, 2008, Palmieri showed why he is truly the KING OF SALSA, at a fund raising concert benefiting ASPIRA of Florida, Inc., at



continued rocking the crowd with "Oye Lo Que Te Conviene, a jam from one of his best albums titled, *"UNFINISHED MASTERPIECE"* that included such hits as "Un Puesto Vacante" and "Kinkamanche." Those of us who are old time salseros pined for other hits including "Vamonos Pal Monte" "Bilongo" "Nunca Contigo" or "Adoracion." Though he could not comply with all of the shouted requests, Palmieri did belt out a couple of introductory Piano solos that included some of the arrangements from these and many of his hit songs.

After the concert, the festivities continued with a VIP reception that included food, drinks, music/dance with the charanga band Havana Soul, and a Silent Auction.

of Directors, as one of the official “Friends of ASPIRA”, Dr. Rolando Montoya - Campus President received the Award.

The concert was a culmination of the celebration of the traditional Puerto Rican Holiday, “La Noche de San Juan” that began with the “Fiesta Puerto Rico” festival at 11:00 am in the fairgrounds in front the Coral Springs Center for the Arts. The fiesta included music, traditional Puerto Rican foods and cultural fares, and fun activities for families.



The ASPIRA students were extremely active in the fair, selling sodas and water to the hot and thirsty crowd. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the ASPIRA Clubs Federation activities for the upcoming school year.

ASPIRA wishes to thank all those who supported our fund raising

efforts and extend an invitation to come out again next year when we expect to have a very surprising guest entertainer.

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Rivera, Manuel Valdes, MariTere Salcedo & Milagros Torres. ACFF Officers: Ian Gonzalez, Kimberley & Ramon. Musical Groups: Ma’Duro and Havana Soul. **Gracias!**

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