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CHUCHO VALDES AND PAQUITO D’RIVERA

**Grammy-winning music legends make up for lost time with a reunion more than 40
years in the making**

June 18, 2022 at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$45, \$55, \$75, \$125*

John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall

MIAMI – March 14, 2022 – The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) is proud to present Grammy-winning Cuban jazz legends **CHUCHO VALDÉS** ([@chuchovaldesmusic](https://www.instagram.com/chuchovaldesmusic)) and **PAQUITO D’RIVERA** ([@paquitodrivera](https://www.instagram.com/paquitodrivera)), live in concert for one night only on June 18, 2022. The history of the close friendship and shared musical adventures between Valdés and D’Rivera goes back 60 years – but in recent decades, their paths rarely crossed. Chucho and Paquito are now making up for lost time with a new album, *I Missed You Too*, and a world tour.

Tickets for **CHUCHO VALDÉS AND PAQUITO D’RIVERA** are \$45, \$55, \$75 and \$125* and may be purchased at the Adrienne Arsht Center box office by calling (305) 949-6722, or online at [arshtcenter.org](https://www.arshtcenter.org).

In this reunion concert, Chucho and Paquito are accompanied by an extraordinary ensemble that includes **Diego Urcola** on trumpet and valve trombone, **Armando Gola** on contrabass and electric bass, **Dafnis Prieto** on drums, and **Roberto Jr. Vizcaino** on percussion. The evening includes old hits, some of them already Latin Jazz standards, classics of the Latin-American repertoire and new compositions.

"I'm very proud of this reunion," said D'Rivera. "Chucho is part of my life. His father was very close friends with my father. Our friendship is something that goes back a long way. The first song Chucho wrote that became famous was called 'Indestructible.' That's our relationship: indestructible."

"I've missed him," said Valdés. "Paquito is part of my life. I played with his father, Tito, a great saxophonist, before I played with him. Paquito is family and he's very important to me musically. There are many great musicians, but Paquito is unique."

For almost 60 years, **CHUCHO VALDÉS AND PAQUITO D'RIVERA** have been widely recognized as distinguished players and composers in the world of Afro-Cuban music, jazz, classical and many other diverse musical styles. From their youth, Chucho and Paquito cultivated a solid friendship inherited from their fathers Bebo and Tito, prominent musicians in the dynamic artistic life of the dazzling Havana of the 1940s and 1950s. Both trained in the academic classical music tradition and were quickly also attracted to great improvisers such as **Oscar Peterson, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie** and other jazz stars. Together, they developed most of their talents in the Musical Theater of Havana and in the Orquesta Cubana de Música Moderna, which D'Rivera conducted for 2 years, until 1973 when Chucho invited his inseparable friend to participate in the founding of **Irakere**, one of the most transcendental groups of the whole musical history of Cuba. Separately, they have amassed more than 25 Grammys and Latin Grammys, among many other prominent distinctions.

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Image of Paquito D'Rivera and Chucho Valdés – Photo by OCP Photography

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About Us

Set in the heart of downtown Miami, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is committed to welcoming and connecting ALL people to the arts, to the Arsht Center and to each other. Our stages are alive year-round with artists from around the world, innovative programming from our resident companies and local arts partners, free community events that reflect Miami's unique identity and arts education experiences for thousands of Miami children each year.

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501C3 non-profit organization, has been recognized as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area, a leader in programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity, a host venue for historic events and Miami's hub for arts education.

Each year, we serve more than 60,000 young learners and offer more than 100 culturally diverse and inclusive education programs — many enhanced by the Arsht Center's relationship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, local teaching artists and Miami-based arts organizations.

The Arsht Center is also a home stage for three resident companies — Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet and New World Symphony — and a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage. Our 300+ events each year include the Center's Signature Series of classical, jazz, Broadway, local theater and much more. We present a robust series of touring Broadway musicals direct from New York, the largest jazz series in South Florida, a major annual Flamenco Festival and an award-winning Miami-based theater program. In addition, our Family Fest, Free Gospel Sundays, CommuniTEA LGBTQ+ celebration and Heritage Fest are among dozens of free events that bring together people from all corners of our community. For more information, visit arshtcenter.org.

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