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## **Chuchito Valdés Returns to Cuba With American Cultural Group for Two Performances in Cienfuegos and Havana**

On March 27, 2019, a special delegation from Cuba Rhythm and Views (CRV) will leave Miami for Cuba to celebrate the long-awaited public concert performances of Cuban jazz pianist, composer and bandleader, Chuchito Valdés. It has been nearly a decade since this international ambassador of Cuban music has performed for his Cubano audience and CRV is producing these important shows not only for our delegation, but for the people of Cuba.

In Cienfuegos on March 28, Chuchito will perform a special concert to mark the Bicentennial of the City of Cienfuegos. And, in Havana on April 2, Chuchito will perform with a Who's Who of Cuba's musicians in a long-awaited homecoming concert at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes de La Habana. This historic event will be the talk of Havana before and after the concert.

An eight-time Latin Grammy nominee, Chuchito Valdés is Cuban music royalty. He follows in the footsteps of his legendary father, Chucho Valdés and grandfather, the great Bebo Valdés. Chuchito continues the generational legacy of exalted piano players from Cuba and his return is a cause for national celebration. He will also conduct masterclasses for some of Cuba's most promising musicians at the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana and Escuela de Arte Benny Moré in Cienfuegos.

With influences of Caribbean rhythms and jazz, Chuchito creates an exciting and inspiring blend of infectious music that drives his audiences around the world wild. He has recorded and performed with the world-renown Cuban band, Irakere, which he led for two years. He has also performed at festivals, clubs and arena concerts throughout the world: from Cuba and the Caribbean to North America, South America, and Europe.

Cuba Rhythm and Views (<http://www.cubarhythmviews.org/>) is an American company specializing in cultural diplomacy between the peoples of the United States and Cuba. Now in its sixth year, CRV will take delegations to Cuba up to five times a year. Tickets for Chuchito's concert in Havana will be available through the box office at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes.

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