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San Francisco - Zambaleta presents a FREE all-day live music and dance jam March 6 in the Mission

February 6, 2010 – Zambaleta, San Francisco’s new school for world music and dance, will be transforming its historic Mission District campus into an eclectic all-day jam session celebrating the spirit of Carnaval on March 6, 2010, 11am to 11 pm.

Zambaleta, an Egyptian word that conveys the spirit of a spontaneous cacophonous celebration, expresses the school’s vision for the March 6 party as well as the inspiration for the school itself, whether it takes the form of a jam session, a pick, a roda, hoedown, hullabaloo, hootenanny, descarga, or juerga. Musicians, neighbors, and the entire community are invited to join – not watch – in the music making.

The all-day event, hosted by some of the Bay Area’s premiere performers and teachers of world music and dance, also marks the opening of Zambaleta’s dance and yoga class programs, an in-house café, and the facility’s unparalleled performance space – a 5200 square-foot hardwood-floored dance hall – in the heart of the Mission. Free dance, music, and yoga classes will be offered throughout the week of March 1-5. Class listings are available at www.zambaleta.org.

On March 6, community members of all ages are invited to join Zambaleta’s students and faculty by bringing their musical instruments, singing voices, and dancing shoes for a kaleidoscope of live music and movement. The mini-zambaletas erupting throughout the day will include sessions of Brazilian samba, kirtan, kecak (interlocking vocal rhythms) “gypsy” jazz, klezmer, old-time, improvisation, Roma brass music, square dancing, and more. An updated list of master musicians hosting sessions throughout the day will be available at www.zambaleta.org. Participants will also be able to purchase Mardi Gras-style food and refreshments, music CDs and DVDs, and other merchandise during the day.

Zambaleta redefines "world music" as any music from this world - including ethnic folk musics, western classical, jazz, and blues music. Some of the non-profit’s future plans include world music curricula in San Francisco's public schools, developing the first world music and dance curriculum for students with disabilities, developing a music education model that incorporates rhythms and tonalities from all over the world, and offering world music and dance lecture-demonstrations at senior homes, as well as offering residencies and professional development services for Bay Area performing artists.

Event: Zambaleta Carnaval

Performers: Members of the Pork Pies, Brass Menazeri, Classical Revolution, Body of Sound, Gaucho, and community members.

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 11am – 11pm

Where: Zambaleta, 2929 19th Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

Cost: Free, all ages

More info: www.zambaleta.org

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