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PAPO VAZQUEZ AND HIS MIGHTY PIRATE TROUBADOURS COMING ASHORE AT MADISON

Papo Vazquez and the Mighty Pirate Troubadours will be landing at Music Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Thursday, November 14th at 8 pm as part of the Isthmus Jazz Series. More information is available by calling the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787). Tickets are: $25 General Public, $22 Wisconsin Union Member, UW-Madison Faculty & Staff and Student (any), and $10 for UW-Madison Student (with ID). Prices are subject to change. Buy your tickets early. Buy online, call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. Buy your tickets early, as prices are subject to change.

Papo Vazquez and his band, the Mighty Pirate Troubadours, have come a long way from Vazquez’s original $5 trombone. At 17, he moved to New York and recorded with
illustrious salsa artist such as Grupo Folklorico Nuyorquino, Eddie Palmieri, Larry Harlow, and Hector La Voe. After all of this experience with the New York jazz scene, Vazquez continued to experiment with Latin influences, Puerto Rican bomba and plena. His album was named a “Top 10 Undeservedly Obscure Recordings” by the *New York Times*, he was honored by Los Pleneros de La 21 for his contributions to Puerto Rican Culture and, last but not least, he was nominated for a Grammy for *Marooned/Aislado*, his 2008 album with the Mighty Pirates Troubadors.

The Mighty Pirate Troubadours are an Afro-Puerto Rican jazz band made up of Willie Williams (tenor & soprano saxophones), Rick Germanson (piano), Dezron Douglas (bass), Alvester Garnett (drums), Anthony Carrillo (percussion), and Carlitos Maldonado (percussion). They have performed together for many years and have put out their first album, *Carnival in San Juan*, in 2003. Look at their website [here](http://www.mightypirates.com) for their entire collection of releases!

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