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**HOT LATIN JAZZ AT EARLY EVENING @ MINGEI**

**VIVA JAZZ**, a vibrant after-hours event highlighting great music, food and wine, will be featured at **EARLY EVENING @ MINGEI** on Friday, March 26 from 6 – 9 p.m. Guests will enjoy Latin jazz by the Jazz 88 All-Stars and The Gatherers while viewing ¡VIVA MÉXICO! — Heroes and Artisans and TEMPERING MEMORY, Mingei International Museum's new exhibitions at its Balboa Park location. Sponsored by the KSDS Jazz 88, Union Bank of California, *San Diego Reader* and Mingei International, the evening will feature food by Los Arcos Restaurant and wines from L.A Cetta.

Admission to **VIVA JAZZ** is \$10 at the door. Members of KSDS and the Museum are \$8. For more information on **EARLY EVENING @ MINGEI**, call 619-239-0003, extension 106 or visit [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org).

¡VIVA MÉXICO! — Heroes and Artisans celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexican independence (1810), the 100<sup>th</sup> of the Mexican revolution (1910) and the folk art that colorfully and vitally expresses the nation's spirit. Just as the heroes of independence and the revolution were great artisans in crafting the nation's constitution, laws and institutions, so are its many artisans also cultural heroes, vibrantly perpetuating Mexico's historical memory and its distinctive, exuberant and vital artistic tradition. A complementary exhibition, TEMPERING MEMORY is an intimate exhibition of photographs of historical locations in Mexico by Tijuana-based photographer Julio Rodriguez.

Presented in collaboration with Centro Cultural Tijuana and the Mexican Consulate in San Diego, the exhibition continues through January 2, 2011. Curators are Khery Camara Thiam and Cynthia Saucedo Villalobos.

Mingei International Museum is located at 1439 El Prado in Balboa Park. Current exhibitions are SONABAI — Another Way of Seeing and FISCH OUT OF WATER — Sea Creatures of Arline Fisch, TRANSFORMED BY FIRE – June Schwarcz Enamel Vessels – From the Forrest L. Merrill Collection and FIFTY-SIX CHINESE HATBOXES – and one hat!.

Mingei International Museum exhibits folk art, craft and design from all eras and cultures of the world. Its two museums – in Balboa Park and downtown Escondido – feature Southern California's largest and richest collection of mingei – art of the people. For more information visit [www.mingei.org](http://www.mingei.org)

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