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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LATIN NY

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RAY BARRETTO'S newly-formed orchestra made its debut in Madison Square Garden on July 26th, 1974 during the FANIA ALL-STAR concert...Panamanian-born RUBEN BLADES will be singing lead voice for Ray.

Veteran singer **Tony Molina** has come in from Puerto Rico, and is the featured vocalist on **Hector Rivera's** upcoming album.

TIPICA 73 WILL BE IN Caracas, Venezuela and in Miami later on this month.

"The Man With The Fingers of Soul," Mr. **Eddie Palmieri**, will be going into the studio to record soon. The new album will be titled "**The Sun of Latin Music**," and Eddie feels it will be his best yet!

Ismael Quintana, who has sung lead vocals for the Eddie Palmieri Orchestra for the past eleven years plus, has recorded a solo LP for the Vaya label entitled "**Quintana**" which should be released in late August.

"El Nino Aguadeño," **Ismael Miranda**, has also recorded. His album is called "**En Fa Menor**," and the release date is expected to be in late August.

Al Santiago plans to produce an album a la big brass sound with **Victor Paz** as musical director.

Joe Gaines interviewed **Johnny Pacheco** and **Bobby Valentin**, appropriately enough, a week before the Fania All Star concert. Funny thing about the interview was that it seemed as if somebody had straight-jacketed Bobby Valentin's tongue cause he uttered very few words during the entire interview...anyway, I did get at least something out of the interview...Johnny Pacheco mentioned that his flute had been ripped off at the Corso while he was signing some autographs.

I am in the process of coordinating a free mini-concert to be held on August 29th at the **Sol Lain Park** on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. The park is located on Henry Street (5 minutes from Delancey Street) between Montgomery and Grand Streets. Remember the **5 Stairsteps**, the group that did "O-O-H Child." Well, they, along with **Ricardo Marrero and the Group**, and **Conjunto Tipico** will be appearing at the mini-concert. Remember the date: Thursday, August 29th from 5:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. ...my thanks to **Yuquiyu Records** for supplying most of the great talent.

EDDIE COLON, ex-timbalero for the Orchestra Harlow is now playing drums with a soul group. Eddie took part in one of Harlow's better recordings ("Salsa") and one of my favorite bongo players, **Pablito Rosario**, who also recorded on the "Salsa" LP, has also left the Orchestra Harlow, and is now playing with the rock group of David Bowie.



Tony Carrion broadcasted a rerun for the July 12th show of **Noticias Latinas** over **WKCR**. His guest was **Max Salazar** and the show centered around the Latin Musicians Circle issue. If you remember, Max was the man responsible for suggesting to **Councilman Carter Burden** that a bill be introduced to rename **Frawley Circle** at **110th Street** and **5th Avenue** to **Latin Musicians Circle**. Councilman Burden made the proposal to the City Council, and when the bill reached the Council, **Committee Chairman Walter Ward** postponed consideration of the bill to a later date. Now, Max tells me that **Councilman Gigante**, whose political jurisdiction as councilman includes 110th Street and 5th Avenue, is planning to re-introduce the bill in the future...once again, we urge our readers to write to show that you are in support of the bill. Write to: **The Honorable Walter Ward, Committee Chairman, Parks and Recreation, City Hall, New York, New York**
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