

providence sound session '06

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

Dear Editor:

Please help Providence Sound Session '06 spread the word about Providence's most exciting summer musical occasion. A multi-stage, multi-genre festival, Providence Sound Session 06' is produced by the Providence Black Repertory Company in collaboration with the City of Providence. This trans-cultural celebration reflects the dynamic vitality of the new "American" city through Providence's dedication to arts and culture.

From July 16 through July 22, the third annual Providence Sound Session music festival will take place in the heart of the city. After last year's exciting inaugural event that attracted over 9,000 attendees, this year promises to be even bigger and more dynamic.

Providence Sound Session '06 will feature:

- **Osmany Paredes**, an internationally acclaimed pianist and composer, originally from Santa Clara, Cuba
- **Chico Hamilton**, a vital player on the jazz scene for over 50 years, in an extraordinarily wide variety of contexts
- **Mango Blue**, an ensemble that blends a mixture of musical styles to create a refreshing new sound in Afro-Latin and World music
- **Carlos de Leon**, a resident of Providence, unifies various influences with his Latin jazz, such as music from the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Brazil
- **Utopia Pan Soul**, a New York based steel drum group that has been wowing crowds of all ages for several years
- **SiSe**, heralded as a purveyor of the emerging Latin electronica phenomenon.
- **Neon Soul**, The Black Rep's own house band, filled with emerging talents
- Encore Party at Westminster Street Stage on Saturday night

Enclosed, please find a complete press kit including...

- Providence Sound Session '06 Press Release
- Providence Sound Session '06 Backgrounder
- Performing artist biographies and schedules
- Press CD – including all of the above and high-quality event photographs