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The Legendary Trío Los Panchos Returns to the Latino Cultural Center for a Night of Bolero May 23, 2009 at 5 p.m.



DALLAS, May 8, 2009 – The legendary Trío Los Panchos returns to the Latino Cultural Center with their unequalled harmonies and captivating romanticism. The May 23rd concert brings an amazing night of bolero as the trio performs such songs as "Bésame Mucho" and "Contigo Aprendí."

Regarded as one of the best guitar trios of all time, Los Panchos rose to international fame in the 1950s with their celebrated interpretations of romantic Latin American songs. The group was formed in 1944 by Jesus "Chucho" Navarro, Alfredo "El Guero" Gil and Hernando Aviles at the Teatro Hispano in New York City. They named themselves Los Panchos in honor of Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa.

Tickets

Adults: \$30

Students, Seniors & Military: \$25

For tickets and information,
please call 214-671-0045.

During their remarkable trajectory in the bolero genre, Los Panchos recorded 250 albums, including several pieces with Eydie Gorme in the 1960s. The trio received a lifetime achievement award in 1998 from "Premio Lo Nuestro," an annual awards show honoring the best of Latin music and presented by the television network Univision.

The last surviving member of the original trio, Alfredo Gil, died in 1999 – leaving the legacy to his son Gabriel Vargas Aguilar, the current leader of the group.

Through their prolific recordings and enduring popularity, Los Panchos continue to perform concerts across Puerto Rico, the United States and throughout Latin America. The current members of Trío Los Panchos are Aguilar on the requinto guitar; Jaime Islas Miranda, lead voice guitar; and Taurino Vargas Aguilar (no relation), second voice and guitar.

The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The mission of the Latino Cultural Center is to serve as a catalyst for the preservation, development and promotion of Latino arts and culture in Dallas. The Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204. LCC hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, please call 214-671-0045 or visit our web site at www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.