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**Bronx Council on the Arts' BxIndie presents
A Concert of Latin Music by 8 y Más at 52 Park on Wednesday, August 4th**

(July 22, 2010 — Bronx, NY) Bronx Council on the Arts' (BCA) BxIndie presents a **free outdoor concert of Latin music by 8 y Más on Wednesday, August 4th, from 7:30-10:00pm at 52 Park/Teatro Miranda** (located at Kelly St between Ave. St. John and Leggett) hosted by 52 People for Progress, Inc. Rain Date: Wednesday, August 11th. This concert is open to the public and all are welcome

8 y Más is one of the hottest new bands to burst onto the Latin music scene. The band is the cooperative effort of internationally recognized Latin musicians/producers, Bobby Allende, Angel Fernandez, Ricky Gonzalez and Marc Quiñones. Although the band is new, its members are anything but new to the industry. Considered by many to be some of the best musicians in NYC and beyond, the band boasts an impressive group of stellar veteran musicians that in addition to Bobby and Marc includes Eddie Rosado, (lead vocals), Victor Baro, Samuel Baretto, Arturo Ortiz, Jose Tabares and Manuel Ruiz.

The members' individual achievements are impressive; together, they are a force to be reckoned with. They have played individually, and collectively, with a who's who of music greats that cover many genres of music including, Tito Puente, Celia Cruz, Ruben Blades, Ray Barretto, Tito Nieves, Marc Anthony, La India, Dave Valentin, Willie Colon, Allman Brothers Band, Grover Washington, Jr. and Spyro Gyro to name a few.

In November, 2006, the band released its first CD, *Juega Billar*, which has risen quickly to the top of many "best of" lists including, the *Descarga Review* and *Salsa Picante*. It is considered a "must have" for serious salsa lovers. *8 y Más* is destined to take salsa back to its original flavor as they play, "La Musica de Ayer, Con El Sonido de Hoy," ("Yesterday's Music with Today's Sound").

This event is a part of BxIndie programming sponsored by BCA. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation while fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The venue for this BxIndie performance is named after **52 People for Progress, Inc.**, an advocacy group that has maintained the park since 1980. BX Indie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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8 y Más will perform in a free concert of Latin music on Wednesday, August 4th, from 7:30-10:00pm at 52 Park/Teatro Miranda as part of the Bronx Council on the Arts' BxIndie Concert Series. All are welcome.

Photo courtesy of the group.

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