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NOVEMBER PERFORMANCES AT AANM FEATURE COLOMBIAN FOLK/JAZZ AND FLAMENCO DANCE

Dearborn, MI (October 22, 2007) – The Ford Comerica Global Thursdays world music concert series at the Arab American National Museum presents two Latin acts on Thursday evenings in November.

Edmar Castañeda, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Combining Latin jazz with traditional Colombian music, Edmar Castañeda has carved a firm place in the international jazz scene. A jazz harpist of imposing talent, he transforms the harp into a lead instrument to phenomenal effect. Castañeda produces cross-rhythms like a drummer, and smashes chordal flourishes like a flamenco guitarist.

La Chispa & Company, November 29, 7:30 p.m.

La Chispa (“The Spark”) & Company explores all aspects of flamenco to create a powerful mixture of complex rhythms and haunting melodies. Led by Mexican-born Valeria Montes, aka La Chispa, this Detroit-based troupe offers a breathtaking performance, with live accompaniment, that transports passionate Spanish dance and music to the stage with trademark vibrancy and intensity.

Tickets for Ford Comerica Global Thursdays concerts are \$8 for Museum Members and students; \$10 in advance at the Museum or by phone at 313.582.2266 or 313.624.0215; \$12 at the door.

The Arab American National Museum documents, preserves, celebrates, and educates the public on the history, life, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. We serve as a resource to enhance knowledge and understanding about Arab Americans and their presence in this country. The Arab American National Museum is a project of ACCESS,

a Dearborn, Michigan-based nonprofit human services and cultural organization. Learn more at www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.accesscommunity.org.

The Museum is located at 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI, 48126. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday, Tuesday; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for students, seniors and children 6-12; ages 5 and under, free. Call 313-582-2266 for further information.

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