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10 THINGS YOU HAVE TO DO THIS WEEKEND

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Spanish Harlem Orchestra



After decades of session work and arranging for the likes of Tito Puente and Celia Cruz, Bronx-born pianist/bandleader Oscar Hernandez teamed up with producer/composer Aaron Levinson to form Spanish Harlem Orchestra in 2000. Drawing from the rich Latin culture of its namesake 'hood and salsa's 1960s and '70s heyday, the 13-piece orchestra officially arrived in 2002 with the Billboard Award-winning *Un Gran Dia en el Barrio*, championed "hard salsa" in 2004 on the Grammy-winning Rubén Blades collaboration *Across 110th Street* and roped in Paul Simon for a guest spot on 2007's *United We Swing*. \$29-\$110, 7:30pm Friday, Aztec Theatre, 104 N St. Mary's, (210) 226-2891, artssa.org. —BR