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### SUMMARY:

#### GUSTAVO DUDAMEL CRAZE

Vista L.A. takes a close look at how Gustavo Dudamel, the new Los Angeles Philharmonic Music Director has taken the classical music scene in Los Angeles to a whole new level. The L.A. community, young and old, from every ethnic group, as well as A-list celebrities came out to celebrate and welcome Gustavo this past October. Actors Andy Garcia, Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks spoke to Vista L.A. about their excitement and admiration for the musical prodigy. We also talk to L.A. Philharmonic President Deborah Borda about how his reign has inspired the creation of "Youth Orchestra Los Angeles," a youth orchestra comprised of a couple hundred students from underserved communities where the lessons and instruments are free. One of Gustavo's main goals as Music Director is to inspire and engage the Los Angeles youth to learn about classical music. Young fans, such as Simone Longoria Garcia, Michael Alio and Patrick Olmos came out to watch a simulcast outside of the Walt Disney Concert Hall of Gustavo's big debut.

#### PHI'LA THE MUSICAL

After losing four students to gang violence, Dorsey High School Drama Instructor Jamal Speakes decided to engage his students in a unique form of, what he calls, "Edu-tainment." Speakes wrote and developed "PHI'LA The Musical," a profound new take on the classics "Romeo and Juliet" and "Westside Story," set in inner-city Los Angeles. The musical addresses racial tensions and violence between Black and Latino communities. Vista LA followed the cast from rehearsals at Dorsey High to a special performance at L.A. Live's Club Nokia. The story features interviews with drama instructor Jamal Speakes, and cast members Michelle Marquez, Jordan Booker and Godwin Thurton.

#### BLACK AND LATINO MUSIC FUSION

Vista LA explores the history of collaboration between Latino and Black musicians in Los Angeles. Featured in the story are USC Associate Professor Josh Kun, Latino 96.3 FM Radio Personality Raq-C, Hip-Hop Artist Pitbull, "WAR" Lead Singer/Keyboardist Lonnie Jordan, "WAR" Percussionist Sal Rodriguez and Ritmo Latino Store Clerk Perla Villafana.

#### GUATEMALA BAND

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade is an American Tradition that's more than a century old. The parade is a festival of flowers, music and pageantry that is seen by millions all over the world. This year's audience will be treated to a special and unique performance by a marching band called "Latin Band Pedro Molina." They are from Guatemala in Central America. During performances, hundreds of band members not only play a variety of instruments, they also dance to an array of Latin beats in vibrant costumes and this is what catches people's attention. It's a group that promises to transform the streets of Pasadena into a Latin-American celebration. Vista L.A. spoke with the band Director Julio Estrada and the School Principal (of which all of the members are student of) Patricia de Boyton. They expressed their excitement and their determination to be a part of the 2010 Rose Parade. For many of them, it has been a lifelong dream and now they are practicing daily to put on the best performance come New Year's day. Acting President Jeff Throop took a trip to Guatemala to experience the band in person. He said, it's something 'unbelievable' and 'definitely a band to see.'

**LUIS MELENDEZ EXHIBIT AT LACMA**

For the first time in 25 years, the works of the great eighteenth-century Spanish painter, Luis Meléndez, return to the U.S. Vista L.A. visited the Los Angeles County Museum of Art exhibit featuring some of the still life painter's greatest works. An interview with LACMA Curator J. Patrice Marandel is featured in this story.

**HOSTS:**

Jovana Lara, ABC7 Anchor/Reporter; Danny Romero, ABC7 Weathercaster

**GUESTS:**

L.A. Philharmonic Music Director Gustavo Dudamel; Actors Andy Garcia, Rita Wilson and Tom Hanks; L.A. Philharmonic President Deborah Borda; Music fans Simone Longoria Garcia, Michael Alio and Patrick Olmos; Dorsey High School Drama Instructor Jamal Speakes; PHI'LA cast members Michelle Marquez, Jordan Booker and Godwin Thurton; USC Associate Professor Josh Kun; Latino 96.3 FM Radio Personality Raq-C; Hip-Hop Artist Pitbull; "WAR" Lead Singer/Keyboardist Lonnie Jordan; "WAR" Percussionist Sal Rodriguez; "Ritmo Latino" Store Clerk Perla Villafana; "Pedro Molina Band" Director Julio Estrada; School Principal Patricia de Boyton; Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Acting President Jeff Throop; LACMA Curator J. Patrice Marandel