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MATRIX:MIDLAND presents:

What: Havana NRG – Salsa under the Stars

When: September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Outdoors in Dow Gardens adjacent to Midland Center for the Arts, 1801 W. St. Andrews Rd., Midland, MI 48640 (MCFTA Auditorium in case of inclement weather)

Cost: \$26 all seats

Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Savor the lingering days of summer with the one of the hottest Latin jazz bands, **Havana NRG**, outdoors in Dow Gardens, adjacent to the Midland Center for the Arts in Midland, on **Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m.** MATRIX:MIDLAND presents this Dallas based sensation whose signature sound and contagious energy will have you dancing the **Salsa under the Stars**. The band needs to be experienced "live" to appreciate the energy and drive that these young talented musicians bring to the stage.

The gates to the outdoor concert area in Dow Gardens open at 5:30 p.m. Picnic dinners are welcome (no alcoholic beverages permitted), and its lawn seating only, so bring a lawn chair or blanket. The **Garden Pub** featuring beer and margaritas for purchase opens at 6 p.m. Salsa Night fun will include a dance floor with "spicy" salsa lessons available starting at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather the concert will be held in MCFTA Auditorium. **Tickets are \$26 each.** Tickets are available online at www.mcfta.org or by calling 800-523-7649.

Havana NRG is one of the strongest up-and-coming Latin orchestras on the scene. The talents of Mariela Suárez the band's music director, who plays both piano and violin, are complemented by a solid rhythm team, a three-member horn section and lead vocalist Maiquel Romero, who is also the group's trumpeter. With a sound driven by soaring horns, keyboards and sizzling vocals, Havana NRG's music will make you want to get up and hit the dance floor! They are indeed "a new breed of Latin band," the New Rhythm Generation that is taking their Cuban roots to new levels of performance.

A lot has happened since their 2002 debut. They have performed at every major venue and public event in the state of Texas, as well as appearing on stage in New York City, Los Angeles, Las

Vegas, Miami and San Francisco. Their debut CD, "*Camino al Cielo*," has enjoyed US and international acclaim. For more information about HAVANA NRG, visit www.havananrg.com.

MATRIX:MIDLAND presents professional, world-class entertainment to the mid-Michigan region. For over 30 years, Matrix has hosted an extraordinary schedule of cutting-edge entertainment including cinema, music, comedy, family programs, world-renowned authors and more.

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