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## Jazz sounds resonate at Palmetto Bay's Deering Estate

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Cindi Curtis' jazzy sounds will turn Palmetto Bay's historic Deering Estate at Cutler into an intimate club on June 27, when the artist kicks off the estate's 2009 Summer Cabaret Concert Series.

Tangos, bachatas and other traditional Latin music will also be part of the series' three concerts.

With only 100 seats available for each concert, the series offers a romantic setting in the estate's historic ballroom.

But if what you want is to spend the evening dancing, you can go to the July 25 concert of Johnny Rodgers, who will play pop tunes.

"This becomes an intimate concert where guests can even interact with the artists," said William Irvine, the estate's director.

"The room is very intimate and allows for an upclose acoustical performance that is a special treat for me and hopefully for the audience."

Though food and refreshments will be available for sale, the concertgoers can bring snacks and drinks to the concerts.

"Here you are in a historic ballroom, so you are taken back to the time Charles Deering and possibly to what a concert might have been like during that time period," said Cathy Ferreira of the Deering Estate.

The concert series started six years ago to provide people with an indoor summer concert as well as to showcase the estate, which also hosts a Valentine's Day concert and a seafood festival.

The Deering Estate Summer Cabaret Concert Series will end Aug. 29 with Jorge Heilpern's sensual tangos and rhythmic bachatas.

"It is entertaining and educational to provide to the community with different musical genres and allow the audience to enjoy how other people express their musical roots," said Heilpern, an Emmy Award-winning performer.

"This is an indoor concert series that is cool and comfortable -- with no mosquitoes," Irvine added.