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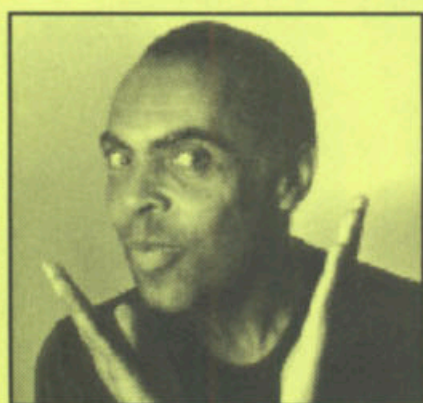
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The 1999-2000 Flynn MainStage Series gets underway on **Friday, September 17 at 8 pm** with a rare U.S. appearance by Brazil's foremost musical ambassador, composer/singer/guitarist Gilberto Gil.

Fronting a superb seven-piece band, Gil weaves a hypnotic sound tapestry of samba, bossa nova, funk, and reggae blended with environmentally and socially conscious lyrics. A protégé of renowned bossa nova maestro **João Gilberto**, Gil has been a major cultural force in his homeland since he helped spark a Brazilian renaissance as one of the leaders of the Tropicalia movement in the late 1960s.

A 1998 Grammy Award winner, Gil's multicultural musical palette has earned the charismatic singer and political activist international acclaim. His compositions have been recorded by stars such as **Sergio Mendes, Larry Coryell, and Toots Thielemans**. True to his eclectic, genre-bending genius, Gil has shared the stage with artists as diverse as experimental rockers **Pink Floyd** and reggae great **Jimmy Cliff**.



"One of Brazil's leading musical and political visionaries." *(New York Times)*

Like his contemporaries in the Tropicalia movement, **Caetano Veloso** and **Tom Zé**, Gil has always infused his music with strong social messages. Today he is deeply involved in environmental activism as president of the Fundação Onda Azul (Blue Wave Foundation), an organization focused on the protection of Brazil's expansive water resources. He has served as a city councilor in his native Salvador and worked collaboratively with fellow musician **Sting** to assure equitable treatment for Brazil's indigenous Indian populations. Gil's appearance at the Flynn is presented in association with the **Lake Champlain Land Trust**, a Vermont organization that shares the Brazilian's commitment to environmental protection.

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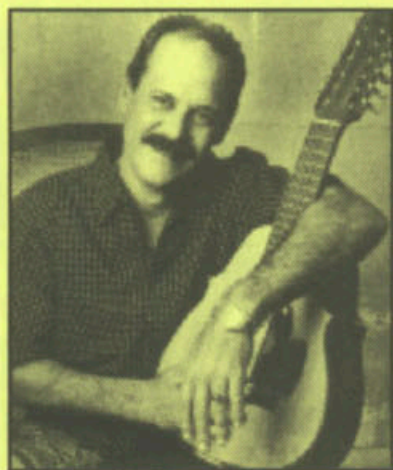


The Flynn will rock with the sounds of the world's premier Latin dance band, Cuba's **Los Van Van**. Creators of the sensuous, percolating "songo" rhythm that has been at the center of Cuban popular music for more than 30 years, Los Van Van infuses traditional Cuban music with world beat, rock, and rhythm and blues influences to create a sound uniquely its own. The result is a **funkified, highly spirited celebration of Latin music and culture**, set to catch fire on the Flynn stage **Thursday, September 30 at 7:30 pm**.

Led by bassist and founder **Juan Formell**, Los Van Van cooks up hot dance grooves and lushly romantic ballads in a magical musical mix. With prolific composer/pianist **Cesar Pedroso** and dynamic lead singer **Pedro Calvo** – known as the **James Brown** of Afro-Cuban music – Los Van Van is considered the very best Cuba has to offer.

Latin music lovers will be treated to a full spectrum of great Cuban music with the addition of an exciting opening act to the Los Van Van bill. **Barbarito Torres**, a virtuoso of the *laud* or Spanish lute, is a veteran of the acclaimed **Buena Vista Social Club**, stellar musicians who joined American guitarist **Ry Cooder** on a Grammy-winning recording last year. The group is also celebrated in a documentary film by German director **Wim Wenders**, now showing to enthusiastic audiences in the United States.

Torres and his band perform traditional Cuban songs including *son*, *bolero*, *guajira*, *guaracho*, and *danson* – scintillating music that is the soundscape of the Cuban countryside. **"Dancing and playing the *laud* like a Cuban version of Chuck Berry, Torres is a show stopper,"** writes the *New York Times*.



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