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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents  
Milagro and their authentic renditions of the music of  
**Carlos Santana**

**Friday, July 23, 2010, Dix Hills, NY** – The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center will present Milagro, and its amazingly accurate renditions of the music of Carlos Santana, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m., here at the center.

Born Devadip Carlos Santana, the son of a Mexican mariachi violinist, “Carlos” learned Spanish guitar then fused his Latin roots with American jazz and Rock ‘n’ Roll as a high school student in San Francisco, to squarely plant the flag of Salsa in American popular culture. He also influenced many later guitarists including protégée Neal Schon of Journey.

Said Milagro guitarist Julio Claudio, “Santana’s music is revolutionary in that he is responsible for the crossover blend of Latin rhythms and sounds with the lead guitar of Rock ‘n’ Roll. He also is responsible for joining the Latin community with the mainstream community.”

Founded in 2004 by Juan Antonio, Milagro is a seven-piece band with a full percussion section. Milagro, the Spanish term for “Miracle,” is the name of Santana’s 19<sup>th</sup> album, released in 1993 and dedicated to his musical role model, jazz trumpeter Miles Davis, whose album “Sketches of Spain” first used a muted trumpet to paint a vivid image of the country and its culture. It was also dedicated to rock impresario Bill Graham, who put San Francisco on the musical map. Milagro is also the name of Santana’s charity foundation.

The band Milagro has performed at venues all over Long Island, playing a variety of music that spans Carlos Santana's 40-plus year career as the unique, Latin-rock musician who founded the renowned band Santana and sold more than 90 million records.

The band is comprised of Julio Claudio on guitar and lead vocals, Matt Bermudez on bass, Eddie Velasquez on keyboards, Pedro Robles on timbales and congas, Juan Rodrigues on congas and bongos, and Drew Pantuliano on drums.

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*The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at [www.DHPAC.org](http://www.DHPAC.org). Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).*

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