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LIVING LA VIDA LOCA with Lila Downs at Cachondo, La Fiesta Latina

Montreal, June 13, 2007 – **Unique** singer/songwriter **Lila Downs** returns to Divers/Cité to heat up the **Cachondo** stage with her sizzling musical alchemy of Latin and native tradition with modern sounds.

Born in Oaxaca, to a native cabaret singer and American art professor, Lila began merging old with new as a child, singing *ranchera* music at village *fiestas*, then playing with folk bands before discovering her own musical direction. Accompanied by her dynamic live band, which includes her life partner and artistic director Paul Cohen, Lila's heartwarming combination of tradition and modernity makes her a perfect fit for Divers/Cité.

Her set will add soul to **Cachondo, la fiesta latina**, the scorching daytime block party that serves up sizzling Latin sounds and sensations. Sunday, August 5, on the Berri / René-Lévesque stage as of 15h, sweat, salsa and sun will melt inhibitions away as DJ **Fernando “Loco” Baldeon**, gets your hips gyrating! Next, shimmy it up to the sounds of homegrown band **La Psychotropical Orchestra**, who play energetic afrobeat, reggae and Latin rhythms.

Samba is also on the Cachondo menu. **Cantelli**, one of the city's spiciest samba dancers performs with his sexy troupe **Viva Brazil**, which features six dancers and ten live Brazilian percussionists. Still on the dance tip, choreographer **Jose Navarro's** Kongal will recreate the sultry vibe of Latin nightclubs of eras gone by, while the **Las Hermanas Vampiro** trio does drag -- Latin style. Now that's fancy footwork!



Sunday, August 5 / 15 h – 23 h
CACHONDO, LA FIESTA LATINA
Berri / René-Lévesque Stage

Visit www.diverscite.org for a complete event calendar, detailed map of the festival site, and to listen to and watch audio and video clips of featured artists.

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