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Coming to the Osher Marin JCC - Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time to set the record straight. Grammy winning talent frequents the North Bay. Santa Rosa Salsa Productions makes sure of this.

Chances are you've seen or heard of the Latin Big Band - Pacific Mambo Orchestra (PMO) - known for their surprise Grammy Award win for Best Tropical Album in 2014 - beating out music giants like Marc Anthony. While PMO has had plenty of Marin and Sonoma County appearances, one of PMO's founding band members - percussionist Braulio Barrera is a North Bay regular.

As the frontman for the Latin music ensemble Somos el Son, Barrera and his musicians have an ongoing local presence at The Flamingo Resort and Santa Rosa Salsa's annual Dancing Under the Stars Summer Series at Francis Ford Coppola Winery.

Launched in June 2013, Somos el Son combines classic material with original, creating powerful compositions so infectious, the music commands its listeners to dance. Originally from Lima, Peru, the self-taught musician versed in a variety of percussion instruments, including cajon, claves, bongo, congas and other African drums - found his musical passion by age five through experimentation with Peruvian folkloric music.

Exercising his talent and versatility by composing jingles for Peruvian commercials, Barrera turned professional by age 19. From 1992-1996, Barrera became a member of Acuarela Criolla a musical group and percussion school inspired by Peruvian cajon experts Eusebio Sirio Pititi and Ronny Campos and later toured throughout Europe, Costa Rica, and the U.S. with Peruvian singer Cecilia Barraza's ensemble.

Since moving to California in 2000, Barrera has performed with various Peruvian dance companies and salsa bands, including Chino Espinoza, Tabaco Eron. In 2004, Barrera contributed to the *Motorcycle Diaries* soundtrack and in 2007 he performed Salsa for the NBC film, *Cane*.

Somos El Son's latest album - *Como te Son* - features tropical Salsa compositions with masterful percussion so affecting - even the most rhythmically challenged will find their feet moving involuntarily.



Somos el Son performing Winter Nights

Salsa Dance Class led by Santa Rosa Salsa - 7:40 pm
Show starts at 8 pm

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200 N San Pedro Rd, San Rafael, California 94903
Free Parking

Adults \$22- \$35
Youth 17 and under \$10

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Braulio Barrera pictured second from the left.

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