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University of Colorado Denver College of Arts & Media Presents Pete Ellingson & Michael Spiro Afro-Cuban Duo

DENVER (Jan. 21, 2009)—University of Colorado Denver College of Arts & Media Music & Entertainment Industry Studies Department's Faculty Performance Series presents Peter Ellingson-piano, and Michael Spiro-percussion as they explore Afro-Cuban music in a duo context.

WHO: Michael Spiro is an internationally recognized percussionist, recording artist, and educator, known specifically for his work in the Latin music field. He has performed on thousands of records, co-produced and played on several instructional videos for Warner Bros. Publications (including *Talking Drums*, *Changuito*, *Giovanni Hidalgo*, and *Ignacio Berroa*), and produced seminal recordings in the Latin music genre, including Orquesta Batachanga, Grupo Bata-Ketu, Mark Levine and the Latin Tinge, and Grupo Ilu-Aña.
www.michaelspiro.com

Peter Ellingson is an instructor of music performance at the University of Colorado Denver. Since moving to Denver, he has performed with Conjunto Colores, DKO, La Candela, Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra, Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra, Señor Gato, and Moments Notice Entertainment. As an author, he has written a number of fundamentals books that cover the topics of ear training, jazz piano, and drumset. Much of his research has been in the area of Cuban music and its performance. He is currently studying Spanish to allow for further research of the music and culture of the Caribbean.

WHEN: Thursday, February 19 • 7:30pm

WHERE: King Center Recital Hall on the Auraria Campus

COST: \$12 General Admission, \$5 UC Denver Students

For additional information, please visit: <http://cam.cudenver.edu/events>

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2008-09, the [College of Arts & Media](#) (CAM) at the University of Colorado Denver embraces the influence of modern trends on traditional art forms. Located on UC Denver's downtown campus, CAM is at the heart of Denver's thriving, dynamic arts community. The college encourages its students to discover new artistic forms, explore creative applications of technology, and prepare themselves for careers in the current and

emergent culture industry. CAM is one of 13 schools and colleges at UC Denver. The University offers more than 100 degrees and serves more than 28,000 students in Metro Denver and online. For additional news and information, please visit the [UC Denver newsroom](#).

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