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## NOCHE LATINA!

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**THE EVENT:** The Washington Ballet's 2007 Spring Gala "Noche Latina!" was a travelogue of tantalizing dance, captivating contortionists, and pulsating sounds which transported guests to an exotic locale filled with surprises at every turn. The National Building Museum played host to this swank soiree with grand style. During the cocktail hour, guests were treated to an artful display of human flexibility by the Seyranyan sisters, provided by Feld Entertainment, Inc. The talented duo contorted themselves into a cube while onlookers watched in amazement. The bar was raised even higher by their hand-balancing act, which kicked off the dinner program. Rounding out the evening, Washington Ballet dancers performed *Orgullecida* and *Dos Gardenias*, excerpts from *Juanita y Alicia*, which were choreographed by **Septime Webre**. The highlight of the evening was when Webre took the stage with **Laura Urgelles** to dance the salsa. Talk about hot! A superb night of dancing followed — after all, that's what The Washington Ballet Spring Gala does best. The Gala raised in excess of \$450,000.



Septime and Laura Urgelles perform *Orgullecida*



Renaud and Anaïs de Viel Castel



Allison Kaminsky, Chris Putala and Marland Buckner



Maki Onuki and Jade Payette



Elizabeth Gaither and Luis R. Torres perform excerpts from *Juanita y Alicia*