



**EPACENTER KICKS OFF NEW CONCERT SERIES
WITH LEGENDARY LATIN PERCUSSIONIST
PETE ESCOVEDO
FEATURING
JUAN ESCOVEDO AND PETER MICHAEL ESCOVEDO
May 9, 2026**

EAST PALO ALTO, CA (13 April 2026) — **EPACENTER**, East Palo Alto’s architecturally stunning all-ages creative development center, opens the inaugural season of its *Sunset Concerts* **Saturday, May 9** with legendary Bay Area Latin jazz percussionist **Pete Escovedo**, featuring **Juan Escovedo** and Emmy Award-winning producer **Peter Michael Escovedo** with a roaring 10-piece band. **Pete Escovedo** is a Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and a master percussionist known for his work with Santana, Azteca, and his own orchestra, recognized for a career spanning more than five decades merging Latin, jazz, funk, and salsa. For tickets (\$75 general admission/\$125 VIP plus fees) and more information visit epacenter.org/sunset-concerts. Special ticket pricing (\$25) is available to East Palo Alto residents with proof of residence on entry. Guests are invited to bring picnic blankets for lawn seating, with rental chairs, and food and beverages available onsite.

“We are thrilled to have the legendary Pete Escovedo alongside back at EPACENTER. Last year, he captivated audiences with his rhythmic and soulful performance at our annual fundraising gala,” said EPACENTER Executive Director **Nadine Rambeau**. “We are looking forward to having the public experience this Bay Area legend live on stage alongside his equally talented sons Peter Michael and Juan Escovedo in our state-of-the-art amphitheater, launching our new *Sunset Concerts* series.”

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Pete Escovedo is a Bay Area-born Latin jazz percussionist and orchestra leader whose work has helped define the intersection of Afro-Cuban rhythm, salsa, and contemporary jazz for more than five decades. A Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, he has performed and recorded with Carlos Santana, Tito Puente, Herbie Hancock, Cal Tjader, Bobby McFerrin, Anita Baker, George Duke, Al Jarreau, Arturo Sandoval, Chick Corea, and Prince, among many others. Escovedo recorded three albums with the Santana band, co-founded the pioneering Latin rock ensemble Azteca alongside his brother, and has released seven solo albums on Concord Records, including the Grammy-nominated “Mister E” (1988) and “Live from Stern Grove” (2012). He has also been recognized with the National Recording Academy Governors Award from both the San Francisco and Chicago chapters, a Ronald Dellums Congressional Award, and a California Arts Council Award. Today, Escovedo leads one of the country’s foremost Latin jazz orchestras,

continuing to perform internationally alongside his daughter, Sheila E.

Emmy Award-winning producer and musical director **Peter Michael Escovedo** has earned recognition not only as a drummer, but as a producer, director, singer, songwriter, and television personality. He's created, directed, and produced television shows and written music for film and theme songs for television as well as composing, arranging, and producing music for various artists. Peter Michael has toured with Mariah Carey, Lionel Richie, George Michael, Stevie Nicks, Marvin Gaye, and Huey Lewis & the News. He's recorded with Barbra Streisand, Santana, Kenny Loggins, Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle, Kenny G, The Four Tops, James Ingram, and Earth Wind & Fire. Peter Michael has performed with Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera, Chaka Khan, Luther Vandross, Barry Manilow, and Michael McDonald among others.

Juan Escovedo is a percussionist and solo artist. His first album "The J" features El DeBarge and has multiple music videos directed by his brother Peter Michael Escovedo. Juan has toured, performed, and recorded with many artists, including Prince, Tony Toni Tone, Patti LaBelle, Jody Watley, MC Hammer, En Vogue, El DeBarge, Freddie Hubbard, Barry White, Herbie Hancock, Bobby McFerrin, Tito Puente, Cheryl Lynn, Raphael Saadiq, Bobby Womack, and sister Sheila E. Juan is heavily involved in teaching, and currently holds a teaching position for children and teens in Vallejo, CA.

ABOUT EPACENTER

EPACENTER (*pronounced epi-center*) is a multidisciplinary arts center in East Palo Alto that ignites creative potential and community connection by delivering inclusive, high-quality education, experiences, and career pathways for people of all ages and abilities. Through a wide range of creative disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, theater, design, and digital media, EPACENTER ensures that every member of the East Palo Alto community can find a meaningful entry point into creative expression, fostering artistic growth, cultural engagement, and civic stewardship. Programming and support are offered in multiple languages, reflecting the rich diversity of the communities EPACENTER serves. EPACENTER envisions East Palo Alto as a beacon of creativity, where every generation has ready access to the arts, cultural pride is celebrated, and artistic innovation fuels individual growth and economic opportunity.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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WHEN: **Saturday, May 9, 2026**
Doors open 5:00pm, concert 5:30pm

WHERE: **EPACENTER, 1950 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, CA**

TICKETS: *Sunset Concerts*: \$75 general admission, \$125 VIP, plus fees per ticket.

\$25 plus fees for East Palo Alto residents with ID on entry.
Available at epacenter.org/sunset-concerts

Onsite rental chairs and food and beverages available for purchase. VIP tier ticketing provides access to a special area with tables, private bathrooms, and a separate bar.

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