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**GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING PIANIST EDDIE PALMIERI  
PERFORMS AT WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

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WESLEYAN'S CROWELL CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS LATIN JAZZ LEGEND WITH ENSEMBLE  
LA PERFECTA II

**Middletown, Conn., February 21, 2007**—Wesleyan University's Crowell Concert Series presents a performance by nine-time Grammy Award-winning pianist, Eddie Palmieri. For 50 years, Palmieri has been a bandleader of salsa and Latin jazz orchestras and for his performance at Wesleyan, he will be performing with his ensemble, La Perfecta II. The performance takes place Saturday, March 3 at 8pm in Crowell Concert Hall. This performance is sold out. For more information, visit [www.wesleyan.edu/cfa](http://www.wesleyan.edu/cfa).

**Eddie Palmieri** is one of the foremost Latin pianists of the last half-century. His ability to fuse the rhythms of his Puerto Rican heritage with the Jazz influences of Thelonious Monk and McCoy Tyner made him an immediate hit when he played New York's Palladium Ballroom in the 1950s and 60s. He has continued to toll on with stylistic innovations over the years, creating classic Latin albums and later mixing salsa with R&B, pop, rock, Spanish vocals and ore jazz improvisation. Now 70, Palmieri celebrates over fifty years as a professional musician, revolutionizing the sound of Latin music and ensuring his place in the music pantheon.

For more information on Eddie Palmieri, please visit  
<http://www.eddiepalmierimusic.com>

The Center for the Arts ([www.wesleyan.edu/cfa](http://www.wesleyan.edu/cfa)) is an 11-building complex on the Wesleyan campus that houses the departments of art and art history, music, theater and dance, and also film studies classes and activities. It serves as a cultural center for the region, the state and New England. The CFA includes the 400-seat Theater, the 260-seat Cinema, the World Music Hall (a non-Western performance space), the 414-seat Crowell Concert Hall and the Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery.

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