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DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT NAVIDAD LATINA

There's a plan behind the **Navidad Latina: An Evening of Spanish and Latin Carols and Dance** concert — organizers want to get people in the holiday mood à la Latin American style. “What we want to show is the spontaneity that exists in the Latin American celebrations,” says Raúl Orlando Edwards, artistic director of the Foundation for Modern Music. American and European celebrations

journey from house to house. The Navidad Latina's procession will have a much shorter way to go as it makes its way around one of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston galleries, but Edwards says that won't dampen the party spirit. “We grab people from the audience and bring them onstage [in Navidad Latina]. In a nutshell, we want to show how the traditions are very lively.” More than a

dozen musicians, dancers and singers will provide the entertainment for the annual event including percussionist Jorge “Cro-Cro” Orta, members of Solero Flamenco, pianist Paul Boyd and Edwards, himself a baritone and dancer. 7 p.m. 1001 Bissonnet. For information, call 713-529-3928 or visit www.modernmusic.org. Free (tickets are required). OLIVIA FLORES ALVAREZ



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electronic music. Also on the program is artist TKNY who will be creating new work on the spot. Ceeplus shares DJ duties with Jessica Lozano, who will be making one of her final Houston appearances before moving to New York City early next year. “If it really was going to be the end of the world, this would be the perfect party to celebrate.” 8 p.m. Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 1001 Bissonnet. For information, call 713-639-7300 or visit www.mfah.org. \$12 to \$14. OLIVIA FLORES ALVAREZ

▼ COMEDY

LOCAL COMEDIAN KEEPS IT CLEAN

Houston comedian **Ezra Washington** has lost more than one gig because he works clean. “The number one reason I decided to change my approach to comedy,” Washington says, “was so that my mother could come and see me perform. But she’s an extremely devout Christian, and I knew she would never come to a club. One day I listened to the other comics on the show and I knew that I didn’t want my mother to come and sit through a show full of profanity just to see me.” After a one-time stint as MC at a



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can be somewhat solemn and intimate affairs, according to Edwards. While there are plenty of happy Christmas carols to sing, few people would call them exactly danceable. Not so in Latin American traditions, where dancing is practically a requirement and part of the usual caroling night's