# SPECIAL EVENTS

# **Opening Ceremony**

Sunday, July 24 • 6:00 PM Monona Terrace Exhibit Hall

- Welcome and introductions by Richard F. Young,
  Conference Chair
- Welcome address and presentation of Solidarity Awards by Susan Gass, AILA President
- Presentation of AAAL Graduate Student Travel Scholarships by James P. Lantolf, AAAL President
- Performance by Call for Peace Drum & Dance Company (www.callforpeace.org). "Since 1990. Madison's cultural treasure, Call for Peace Drum Dance Company, has been inspiring national and international audiences with its performance, "From All Nations They Come Dancing," the dream of a new hope for humanity. It has performed at the 4th Global Summit for the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates in Rome, Italy, throughout the United States, in Germany, Russia, Israel, and at the Great Pyramids of Egypt. Through the universal language of dance, traditional drums and contemporary music, Call for Peace weaves the pageantry of life, the power of hope and the wisdom of our elders into a tapestry of rhythm, color and dance "

# Welcome Reception

Sunday, July 24 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM Rooftop Gardens of Monona Terrace (Monona Terrace Ballroom is the location in case of bad weather).

A welcome reception for all registered conference participants and their registered companions will be held with music provided by The Reptile Palace Orchestra, (beeftone. com/rpo/) one of Madison's much-loved groups, as reviewed in the local alternative weekly paper:

"There aren't many traditions Madison's favorite pan-ethnic ensemble doesn't dip into. Eastern European dance music? They got it covered. Romantic Latin numbers? No problem. Progressive grooving that'll please the pants off King Krimson fans? Absolutely. Sultry, expressive, traditional and torchy; you're bound to find something to your liking here."

### **GAL Night**

Tuesday, July 26 • 7:00-9:00 PM Grand Terrace of Monona Terrace

The German Association of Applied Linguistics invites all conference participants and their reqistered companions to an evening to celebrate the next AILA World Congress in Essen in 2008. Snacks and drinks will be served, and music reflecting German musical traditions from the classics to the modern as well as some of the regional musical traditions of Essen and the Ruhr will provide an atmosphere intended to offer participants an opportunity to relax after a long conference day. Multimedia displays will highlight the conference venue, and you will find out more about Essen and the Ruhr as the "host region" of AILA 2008. A few surprises about the program might be in store, so do not miss this occasion to find out more about AILA 2008.

# **Optional Excursions**

Wednesday, July 27

Buses depart at appointed times from the 4th Floor entrance of Monona Terrace, the conference site.

There may be limits on some tours, and if sufficient interest in any tour is not generated, the tour will be cancelled and full refund provided. Advance registration is required for tour participation. Times and additional information will be posted on the conference website at a later date.

#### Spring Green - Taliesin

Taliesin, described as Frank Lloyd Wright's autobiography in wood and stone, is located in the rolling hills surrounding Spring Green, Wisconsin, 40 miles west of Madison. This two-hour tour features an intimate look at the famous architect's private residence, filled with his furnishings and art collections. Includes air-conditioned coach transportation, lunch, and admission. (\$65/person).

#### **Canoe the Wisconsin River**

The canoeing is easy as paddlers drift downstream surrounded by some of Wisconsin's most beautiful scenery. Sand bars and islands along the way provide the perfect setting to picnic and enjoy box lunches and beverages included in the tour. Life jackets are provided. Air-conditioned coach transportation included. (\$45/person)

#### Noah's Ark Water Park

America's largest water park, located on 70 acres, boasts more than 60 water-based slides and rides, including some found nowhere else in the country. Noah's Ark is located outside of Wisconsin Dells, an hour's drive from Madison. Includes airconditioned coach transportation and admission. (\$50/person). Lunch is on your own. More information is at www.noahsarkwaterpark.com.

#### **Evening Dinner Boat Cruise**

A gourmet buffet dinner is served on board the Betty Lou Motor Yacht, while cruising along 22 miles of beautiful Lake Mendota shoreline. Views of Madison's lovely skyline from the best seat in town include the State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, and the University of Wisconsin campus. Warm breezes and breathtaking sunsets are included at no extra charge. (\$65/person).

#### Milwaukee Art Museum

Visit the Milwaukee Art Museum set on the shores of Lake Michigan. Time Magazine named this dramatic architecture by world-renowned Spanish architect, Santiago Calatrava, the Best Design of 2001! In the afternoon, the tour will stop at the Historic Third Ward, a turn-of-the-century warehouse and manufacturing district now filled with art galleries, antique shops, unique specialty stores, and more. Includes air-conditioned coach transportation, lunch, admission, and guided tours. (\$45/person).

# **Banquet Reception**

Thursday, July 28 • 6:00-7:00 PM Monona Terrace Grand Terrace (cash bar)

### **Conference Banquet**

Thursday, July 28 • 7:00-9:00 PM Monona Terrace Ballroom.

Tickets are available at \$50 per person, but attendance is limited. Please make your reservation early if you plan to attend. Entertainment will be provided by **The Tony Castañeda Latin Jazz Sextet** (www.tclatinjazz.com), another well-loved Madison favorite.

"The Tony Castañeda Latin Jazz Sextet has won the Isthmus Readers Poll-Favorite Jazz Band for 4 years straight, the Madison Newspapers Reader's Choice Award for 2004 and in March 2005 the band won 2 MAMA's (Madison Area Music Awards) for Best Latin Jazz Band and Best Latin CD. The band has played with international and national recording artists including Jerry Gonzalez of the Fort Apache Band, John Santos of the Machete Ensemble, Carolyn Leonhardt of Steely Dan and Ochestra Aragon from Cuba to name a few and has opened for national touring acts such as Poncho Sanchez, Tito Puente and The Johnny Benitez Trio. The band pays homage to early Latin Jazz traditions by honoring the arrangements of Cal Tjader, Mongo Santamaria, Tito Puente and other legendary Afro-Cuban musicians."