A Cuban Poet Sings to Florida: Tertulia with Poetry & Spanish Guitar

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

3:00 - 3:10 Introduction by Dr. Madeline Camara, Department of World Languages and ISLAC Affiliate Faculty, USF

3:10 - 3:30 “Canto en la Florida” by Orlando Rossardi, Writer

3:30 - 3:45 Musical Interlude by Carlos Rodriguez

3:45 - 4:00 More Rossardi Poetry

4:00 - 4:15 Talk with Poet

4:15 - 4:30 Musical Interlude by Carlos Rodriguez

Carlos Rodriguez was born in Bogotá, Colombia and grew up in Tampa. He is a University of South Florida Graduate with a B.A in Marketing. He is a Non-Commissioned Officer in the US Army in Satellite Communications. He is stationed at MacDill after spending 2 years in S. Korea, 6 Years in Germany and several years in Georgia training in communications and engineering specialties. Rodriguez has been performing Latin-American music for over 20 years.

Orlando Rossardi was born in Cuba but left the island in 1960. Since then he has been living in Spain and the USA. He obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Texas, Austin, and taught at the University of New Hampshire and Miami Dade College. Rossardi is a member of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language and Correspondent of the Royal Academy of the Spanish Language in Madrid, Spain.

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