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For Immediate Release

GSU's Center for Performing Arts Turns up the Heat

with Chévere de Chicago

(University Park, IL): November 2, 2015 – On **November 21 at 8 p.m.**, the Center for Performing Arts will be 'en fuego' when composer, virtuoso pianist and master harmonica player, Howard Levy, his long-time comrades in the Latin/jazz/funk/blues band, **Chévere de Chicago** for a night filled with Latin inspiration. The band will also welcome special guest Gammy-nominated Trumpeter, Victor Garcia (of CALJE, Chicago Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble).

What does Chévere (SHEH-ver-ay) mean? It's an expression that means everything's OK. Everything's fine, awesome, the best...Everything's cool. And so they are.

Chévere de Chicago is one of Chicago's hottest bands. As Chicago's leading Latin/Jazz/Funk/Blues Band, Chévere mixes Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Jazz, Blues, and just about everything else together into an exciting and unique collage of sound. Characterized by high voltage percussion and compelling original compositions, Chévere has performed in and around Chicago and the Midwest for more than 30 years.

Band members include Alejo Poveda (Drums, percussion & leader), Howard Levy (Piano, harmonica, & music director), Ruben Alvarez (Timbales, percussion, drums & vocal), Chris "Chicago Hambone" Cameron (Hammond B-3 Organ, Fender Rhodes, Moog & keyboards), Ernie Denov (Guitar), Steve Eisen (Saxes, flute, & percussion), Eric Hochberg (Bass & vocal), Joe Rendon (Congas, percussion & vocal)

What the Critics Say

"Remarkably aggressive!" "Chevere represents an alluring variation on the fundamentals of latin jazz...like no other ensemble." ~ Howard Reich, Chicago Tribune

"Chevere has been among the most explosively exciting bands in the Midwest..." "Don't worry about finding a seat; even if you do, Chevere won't let you sit still anyway." ~ Neil Tesser, Chicago Reader

For Tickets and Information

Tickets are just \$28.

Online: CenterTickets.net

By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) & 2 hours prior to all performances

Groups of 10 or more, students, seniors and patrons who purchase a flex package of four or more shows are eligible for discounts.

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Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. Conveniently located off of I57 (Sauk Trail exit), the Center for Performing Arts is easily accessible from all neighboring south suburban communities. Parking is free. For best GPS directions always use the location search term "Governors State University" only.