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**“Best World Music Band” Atash Gets Austin “On its Feet!” on April 30
to Help House the Homeless**

Austin, TX– Atash headlines the second annual *On Your Feet!*, an international music and dance extravaganza at the Monarch Event Center on **Thursday, April 30, 2009**. Emcees Jenny Hoff (KXAN) and Michael Crockett (KUT) will guide attendees through the evening’s diverse ensemble of musical artists. This event, studded with award-winning musicians and dancers, includes performances by *Buscando El Monte, Aqua Drums, Lannaya, Jose & Robyn, Ritmo Tres, Sabaya, Atash, and Govinda*.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 pm, performance begins at 8:00 pm. In addition to the electrifying performances, there will be a silent auction of must-have items donated by local businesses & artists (e.g. salon package valued at \$700; dance lessons valued at \$250; and restaurant gift certificates valued at \$300).

All net-profits benefit Casa Marianella, an Austin non-profit who has been offering emergency housing and empowerment services to international refugees and immigrants since 1986.

To purchase tickets, go to www.onyourfeetworld.org/, [Waterloo Records](http://WaterlooRecords.com), or www.frontgatetickets.com. To learn more and/or to donate directly to Casa Marianella, please go to www.casamarianella.org/.

About the Heart-pounding, Pulse-racing artists:

[Buscando El Monte](#), with their intensely hypnotic three-piece horn section, will meld jazz and Cuban music with Yoruba spiritual songs

[Aqua Drums](#), a crowd-rousing spectacular audio visual show of pulsating lights, water, and percussion

[Lannaya Dance and Drum Ensemble](#) will perform exhilarating dances, songs and rhythms from Guinea and the Ivory Coast with a fierce and beautiful energy



One half of a world championship team, [Jose Santoyo, along with music video vixen Robyn Chance](#), will perform special salsa routines that are sure to be *caliente*

[Ritmo Tres](#), an exquisite ensemble of salsa musicians, will delight the crowd with feet-moving traditional and modern salsa rhythms

[Sabaya](#), a belly dance collective of beautiful and extraordinary dancers who have performed across Brazilian, Egyptian, US, and European stages, will perform exotic belly dances to Atash's music

Headliner [Atash](#), with their intoxicating Indian-middle eastern melodies & addictive percussive rhythms, was recently voted "best world music band" in Austin by *The Austin Chronicle* (2007)

[Govinda Music Company](#) is an inspired fusion of Middle-Eastern, Indian, Celtic and southern Spanish musical cultures with the beats and sounds of modern electronic

About Casa Marianella

Casa Marianella (www.casamarianella.org/), the shelter, opened its doors on January 6, 1986. The Austin Interfaith Task Force for Central America initiated the project in response to the arrival of refugees fleeing from Central America. Marianella Garcia Villas, for whom the house is named, was a human rights lawyer in El Salvador who was slain by death squads in 1983. Casa Marianella has served guests from Mexico, Somalia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ethiopia, Peru, Guatemala, Sudan, Eritrea, Tunisia, Cuba, Albania, El Salvador, Ghana, The Ivory Coast, Colombia, Nepal, Romania, Costa Rica, Brazil, Cameroon and Bosnia.

In 2003, Casa Marianella opened a new facility, Posada Esperanza, to provide emergency shelter and support specifically for homeless immigrant women and their children. The average stay for a family with Posada Esperanza is three to five months. The families work diligently with the staff to meet their individual goals and get back on their feet. There is a perpetual need for sustainable funding. Therefore, the profits generated from this event will directly benefit Casa Marianella/Posada Esperanza.

This evening of culturally rich entertainment is designed and organized by an all-volunteer ensemble of passionately creative individuals, empowered to help others get back "On Their Feet!"

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