

## **Cuba Mia: Portrait of an All-Woman Orchestra coming to Bozeman on Sunday, February 23 as part of *El Cine Cubano!***

*El Cine Cubano!* will screen the 2003 film, "Cuba Mia: Portrait of an All-Woman Orchestra," on Sunday, February 23, from 3 – 5 PM, in the Bozeman Public Library's large community room. The film tells the story of a group of women musicians who form part of the Camerata Romeu, a chamber orchestra in Havana, Cuba, with their conductor Zenaida Romeu, as they prepare for a big concert in the Basilica of St. Frances in Old Havana. MSU Instructor Jelani Mahiri, who recently travelled to Cuba with the MSU Honors Program, will introduce the film and speak about Cuba's music and culture following the screening of "Cuba Mia."



Viewers follow the women in rehearsal and to their homes where they are seen with their family and friends. The film allows us to learn life in present day Cuba and we hear glorious classical music with a Latin beat, composed by Latin American composers.

On April 6 in the Bozeman Library Large Community Room, *El Cine Cubano!* will feature the premiere of "Principles of the Heart" a powerful documentary about the role of Cuban women who fought in the urban undergrounds during the 1950's as part of the resistance to former dictator Batista. In this previously untold story, these women's efforts and contributions helped achieve the triumph of the Revolution in 1959. Also coming in April will be internationally- recognized feminist scholar and organizer of the *Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century International Conferences*, Dr. Norma Vasallo Baruetta, Director of the University of Havana's Department of Women's and Gender Studies, as part of a national Speaking Tour. Tour details forthcoming on [www.womenandcuba.org](http://www.womenandcuba.org).

*El Cine Cubano!* film events are free and open to the public, a part of an on-going series sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba, a group of local travelers and persons interested in Cuba. Contact

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