

# *Adalberto Alvarez: celebration on Cuban Son Day surpassed all expectations*

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Havana, May 9 (RHC)-- Cuban composer, arranger, and band leader Adalberto Alvarez expressed satisfaction with activities held nationwide on Cuban Son Day, celebrated for the first time this past Saturday -May 8. The National Music Prize laureate said festivities surpassed all expectations, arguing that the Covid-19 pandemic was not an obstacle. Evidence of this, he said, were the countless activities held on social networks from across the country, as well as on Cuban radio and television and the collaborations --videos, congratulatory messages received from exponents of son music from around the world. Declaring Son Cuba's intangible cultural heritage was just the first step, said Adalberto, and stressed that the campaign has now begun to ask UNESCO to include it on its list of intangible heritage of humanity. Adalberto said that May 8th --Cuban Son Day- in 2022 will coincide with International Mother's Day, which is celebrated in Cuba every year on the second Sunday of May. It will also be dedicated to son musician Ignacio Piñeiro, on the 95th anniversary of Septeto Nacional ensemble, which he founded and directed. In 2023, the celebration will be dedicated again to Ignacio Piñeiro, the author of iconic tunes like 'Échale Salsita' and 'Suavecito', on his 135<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary.

The leader of Adalberto Álvarez y su Son expressed hopes that by 2022, the epidemiological situation will have improved considerably and unlike this year, live in-person concerts and big streets celebrations will be held all across Cuba.

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