

Doc Severinsen and El Ritmo de la Vida

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Gil Gutiérrez, guitar • **Ali Bello**, violin • **Eugenio Toussaint**, piano

Gilberto Gonzalez, bass • **Miguel Favero**, percussion

Special Presentation

Saturday, February 27, 2010, 8 pm | Orchestra Hall

The program for tonight's concert will be announced from the stage.
There will be one intermission.

El Ritmo de la Vida, led by legendary trumpeter **Doc Severinsen**, has delighted audiences from coast to coast with its sizzling mix of traditional Mexican music, Spanish flamenco, Argentine tango and gypsy jazz. The ensemble, whose name is Spanish for "The Rhythm of Life," made a sensational debut with the Minnesota Orchestra at Sommerfest 2008, and is now on a tour that includes stops in the Midwest and Northeast U.S.

Severinsen, who became the Minnesota Orchestra's pops conductor laureate in 2007 after 14 seasons as principal pops conductor, has achieved the status of an American icon during his six-decade career as conductor, soloist and bandleader. He rose to fame as music director of *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, a post he held for 25 of the program's 30 years, and has since conducted and performed with major orchestras throughout the U.S. and Canada.



In 2006 Severinsen moved to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where he encountered Mexican guitarist **Gil Gutiérrez**—and they soon formed **El Ritmo de la Vida**, which now includes violinist **Ali Bello**, pianist **Eugenio Toussaint**, bassist **Gilberto Gonzalez** and percussionist **Miguel Favero**. For more information, visit opus3artists.com.