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Cuban Vocal Jazz at SMUS

June 8, 2007

This week, students and faculty were treated to two performances – one of which was exclusive to our school – by the premiere Cuban vocal jazz ensemble, Novel Voz. The SMUS vocal jazz group opened for Novel Voz at Hermann’s Jazz Club on Sunday afternoon.

Novel Voz (Spanish for “new voice”) is a talented 7-voice ensemble made up of three men and four women. The group has been making cappella music together for the past 8 years and have recorded two CDs; they are on their first tour of Canada. Their repertoire included traditional Cuban songs and an array of international pieces. They’ve been described as a “vocal orchestra” and they easily live up to the name by performing vocal imitations of instruments such as percussion, strings, and piano to accompany their singing.

After their upbeat performance, they broke into vocal sections and worked with groups of students to teach them a Cuban song. At the end of the session, the students performed alongside the members of Novel Voz in an inspiring, enthusiastic performance.

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