MONGO SANTAMARIA AND JAM FACTORY

PLAY AUGUST 12 DATE

AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Cuban Conga drummer MONGO SANTAMARIA and New York rock group JAM FACTORY will perform in The Museum of Modern Art's JAZZ IN THE GARDEN series on Thursday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m.

MONGO SANTAMARIA is best known as the creator of "Watermelon Man," and has a great reputation as being one of the finest Latin percussionists in the U.S., having been featured with such bands as Cal Tjader, Tito Puente and Perez Prado. In Cuba, Mongo is regarded as the foremost exponent of authentic Afro-Cuban music, religious songs and rhythms based upon the Yoruba traditions of Africa. He records for Atlantic Records.

JAM FACTORY -- Mark Hoffman, Gene McCormick, Steve Marcone, Joe English, Kent DeFelice, and Earl Ford -- combine the elements of jazz, country, rock, pop, and classical in their music. They live in upstate New York, and their latest album, "Sittin' in a Trap," is on the Epic label.

Under the direction of Ed Bland, JAZZ IN THE GARDEN runs through September 2 on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is $1.00 plus the regular Museum entrance fee ($1.75, members free). Tickets go on sale the Saturday preceding the concert, and are available until concert time. The Garden Restaurant is open for refreshments, and cushions are available for listening comfort. In case of rain, concert is cancelled. For general information call 956-7072.

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