Hispanic Heritage Family Day
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Latino Traditions: Honoring Our Ancestors

Sunday
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Noon–5 pm

Offered in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month.

Family Day is sponsored by M&T Bank

The Memorial Art Gallery would like to thank Citibank for its sponsorship of this event. Citibank branches in Upstate New York are now part of M&T Bank.
**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**CREATIVE WORKSHOP (BASEMENT) 12:15-4:00 PM**

**Make-It-and-Take-It Art Workshops**
- Room 7: Make a pandera with Carmelo and Rosemarie Ortiz
- Room 8: Mexican papel picado with Guillermina Palomino (taught in Spanish)
- Room 9: Mayan Game of Chance and Mayan glyphs with Estella Nelson

**LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Purchase refreshments at Cutler’s Snack Bar from 12:30-3:30 pm. Lunch available at Cutler’s Restaurant.

**M&T BANK BALLROOM**

12-2:45pm

**Cultural Displays**

Take a tour of Latin America and view cultural displays created by individuals and families in the community. Displays will focus on leisure and livelihood activities in the following Spanish speaking countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Ibero-American Action League’s “Centro de Oro.”

12:30-12:50 pm

**Bata Con Pies African Caribbean Drum & Dance Ensemble**

Bata con Pies is a high energy dance and drum ensemble that promotes the concept of cultural diversity. The name *bata con pies*, which translates to drums with feet, refers to the group’s use of bata drums. Batas are a family of sacred double-headed drums from the Yoruba culture in present day Nigeria. Ramon “Sunshine” Perez is the director and founder of the group. The group performs dances from Africa, Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, and Puerto Rico.

4:00-5:00 pm

**The Mambo Kings**

Enjoy the Afro-Cuban rhythm and contemporary jazz sounds of the Mambo Kings! Pianist and arranger, Richard Delaney, a native of Peru, formed the Mambo Kings in 1995. Delaney, a music instructor at Hochstein School of Music, was the musical director and arranger for Orquesta La Muralla before starting The Mambo Kings. Other members of the group, John Viavattine (saxophonist), Freddy Colon (percussionist), David Antonetti (percussionist), and Hector Diaz (bassist) have performed with Latin, jazz and soul legends such as Tito Puente, Paquito D’Rivera, Ismael Miranda, Aretha Franklin, and Ray Charles. The group has also recorded two CDs, *Marinera* and *Live*!

**VANDEN BRUL PAVILION**

12:00-12:45 pm

**Afro-Cuban Drumming**

Afro-Cuban Drumming band Banyoko Güi-milere performs traditional Cuban music with African roots. Banyoko Güi-milere translates to *rey sentado* in Spanish or seated king in English. Band members include Dillo Camilo, Alberto Jimenez, Hiram Jimenez, and Henry Padrón.

3:15-4:00 pm

**Pedro Nuñez y Su Conjunto Típico**

Enjoy Puerto Rican folk music by Pedro Nuñez y Su Conjunto Típico. Don Pedro believes that the music of the island is in the cuatro, a 10-string Puerto Rican instrument that he learned to play as a young boy. Musicians in his ensemble include Pedro Blanco, Juan Colazo, Miguel Rosario, Adrian Vargas, Alejandro Cintron, and Fermin Sabastro.
International photographer Manuel Rivera-Ortiz shares images from his exhibition titled, Manuel Rivera-Ortiz: Cuba. Photos from this exhibition have been featured in solo and group exhibitions. The native of Guayama, Puerto Rico also received the En Foco, Inc. National New Works Photography Award for his work in Cuba. George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film is adding the artist’s work to their collection, which makes Rivera-Ortiz the first Latino artist in the museum’s collection.

Vejigante Mask Making Demonstration
Watch artist Alfredo Soto as he makes a vejigante mask and shares information on the history of the vejigantes in Puerto Rican culture. The vejigante (bay-he-GAHN-tay) is a fantastic, colorful character introduced into carnival celebrations in Puerto Rico hundreds of years ago, and is a blend of African, Spanish, and Caribbean culture.

Meet the Artists Art Talk
Artists Duvis Lopez, Deysi Reagan, Angel Vazquez, and Alfredo Soto participate in a group discussion facilitated by Manuel Rivera-Ortiz. Hear their inspiration for creating art.

Duvis Lopez's passion for painting began when she was a 14-year old student in Bogotá, Colombia. Her current projects focus on architecture and landscapes in the Finger Lakes region. Her work has been featured in the Democrat and Chronicle’s Our Towns section on life in Brighton.

Art for Deysi Aguilar Reagan, of Holguín, Cuba, lies in the abstract; in the dreams of everyday occurrences stemming from the life she knew and the life she now knows as a mother, as a woman and as a painter. “My work is about interpretation, about faith, love and even about hope,” says Reagan.

Alfredo “Papo” Soto specializes in Puerto Rican art. He has a flair for interpreting life through murals and masks which trace their roots back to the small town of Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico. “I have created numerous pieces that portray the uniqueness and essence of my culture,” says Soto.

Angel Luis Vazquez says that his paintings are inspired by home. He selects colors that take him back to Puerto Rico and to a childhood growing up on a farm in the mountains of Caimital Alto. It was there in Caimital that the rain forest began to leave its indelible impression on him.
FALL 2007

TRANSactions: Contemporary Latin American and Latino Art exhibition

Coming to MAG in Fall 2007 from the Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego.

Pictured: Salomon Huerta, Untitled Figure, 2000.

HerDLe Fountain Court (Second Floor)

1 pm and 3 pm

Going for Baroque

Enjoy a 25-minute mini-recital on the Italian Baroque organ by Eastman School of Music graduate student Joo Soo Son. Presentation will also feature Spanish Baroque pieces.

Auditorium

1:00-1:30 pm

Celebrating Latino Contributions

Come join teaching artist and storyteller Annette Ramos and 4th grade H.O.L.A./Dual Language students from RCSD School #12 as they share contributions of Latinos and their culture. This bilingual interactive musical performance will highlight students’ writing and views. Musical accompaniment provided by Carmelo Ramos.

1:30-2:00 pm

Borinquen Dance Theater

Enjoy Caribbean dances by Borinquen Dance Theater. Borinquen Dance Theater was formed in 1981 by Artistic Director Nydia Padilla. The dance ensemble excites the senses with a rich blend of African, Taino Indian and Spanish influences, which make up the Puerto Rican culture.

2:30-3:15 pm

Salute to Hispanic Elders Awards/Faith Temple Spanish Fellowship Music Band

Join us as we recognize Hispanic elders for their talents and dedication to their families and community. Honorees include Doña Felicita Mitrano, Don Pedro Pedraza, Don Rafael Sanchez Rivero, and Don Ramón Torres. The ceremony will also feature spiritual music by Faith Temple’s Spanish Fellowship. Pastor David Valle and his wife Jeanette Valle are the directors of Faith Temple’s Spanish Fellowship, a ministry out of Faith Temple church. For more information on the ministry, visit http://www.faithtemple.net

3:45-4:45 pm

Performing Arts Showcase

Enjoy performances featuring Latin American dance and music traditions performed by Altovese, Arco Iris Mexicano, Cassandra George and Agustin Ramos, Byron Noble, Paul & Christine, and Armando Rivera.

Mark your calendars!