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SMITHSONIAN CON SABOR! 2007

Smithsonian Latino Center

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Ten Years Ago

The Latino presence in the Americas is centuries old, culturally rich and demographically vast and growing. ... the Smithsonian Latino Center is established so that American history and culture may be displayed in all of its diversity.

The Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents, establishing the Smithsonian Latino Center in 1997.

The Smithsonian Latino Center Legacy Awards

In 2007, the Smithsonian Latino Center created the Legacy Awards to honor Latino individuals who have made a significant contribution to U.S. culture through their work, vision and commitment to their heritage. At Smithsonian Con Sabor 2007, the Center will recognize the amazing achievements of the following Mexican and Mexican-American artists, scholars and community leaders:

- Design: Enrique Norten, David Rodriguez
- Film: Arturo Ripstein, Moctesuma Esparza
- Literature: Laura Esquivel, Luis Valdez
- Humanities: Tomas Ybarra Frausto

Lifetime Achievement
- Raul Yzaguirre
- Invited

Public Service Recognition

In addition to the Legacy Awards, the Smithsonian Latino Center has an annual tradition of recognizing government leaders who have played a significant role in ensuring that the legacy and contributions of the Latino community are preserved and advanced in our nation. In 2007, the Center is privileged to recognize The Honorable Ken Salazar and The Honorable Mel Martinez for their extraordinary leadership.

¡Smithsonian Con Sabor! 2007

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Smithsonian Latino Center

Wednesday, September 5, 2007
7:30 pm
Buffet Dinner and Dancing
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC
Black tie
Valet parking available at 3rd Street & Maryland Avenue, SW

Mexico at the Smithsonian

Each year the Smithsonian Latino Center celebrates a different Latin culture at its annual Smithsonian Con Sabor Gala. In 2007, the Center pays tribute to the rich influence of Mexico on our society. In addition to featuring the very best in Mexican cuisine, culture and entertainment at the gala, the Smithsonian Latino Center has partnered with the Mexican Cultural Institute and other organizations in Washington, D.C. to create “Mexico at the Smithsonian,” a series of more than 20 public programs, exhibitions and film screenings that highlight the influence of Mexican culture on our collective heritage.

Special Performances
- Julieta Venegas
- Norte: Collective
- Los Tigres del Norte
- Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles
- Ballet de Monterrey
- Oronelli

Mistress of Ceremonies
- Maria Elena Salinas

Guest Chef
- Zarela Martinez

Today

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Smithsonian Latino Center which is dedicated to highlighting Latino culture, heritage and achievement in America. This important milestone will be celebrated at a very special event on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 in our nation’s capital.