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Cuban son heard at the University of Michigan, April 7, via Septeto Nacional Ignacio Piñero de Cuba

ANN ARBOR, MI: The University Musical Society (UMS) presents *Septeto Nacional Ignacio Piñero de Cuba* on Thursday, April 7, 2011, beginning at 8 p.m. in Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium (825 North University Avenue).

For more than 80 years, Septeto Nacional Ignacio Piñero de Cuba has reigned supreme as the world's foremost champion of Cuban *son*, the musical heartbeat of Cuba. With a rich history firmly rooted in the dance floor explosion of *son* that took place in the 1920s and '30s, Septeto Nacional has been hailed as the "inventors of

salsa" (*The New York Times*) and "national treasures" (*The Boston Globe*).

In 2009, the group toured select cities in the United States for the first time in 76 years thanks to a very special "cultural exchange" visa arranged with the State Department; on that tour and in subsequent performances, *Septeto Nacional Ignacio Piñero de Cuba* has been met with overwhelming warmth and acclaim from critics and audiences alike.

"There's no antiquarian dust on Septeto Nacional... Its Cuban *son*, and its rumbas and boleros are music of transparency,

tensile strength, and phantom drive. Piñero's lyrics are perennial: lamentations about lost love and celebrations of Cuba, dancing and the joys of rhythm." (*The New York Times*)

For tickets or additional information, contact the University Musical Society at 7347642538 or online at www.ums.org.

Tickets may be purchased in person at the League Ticket Office (911 North University Avenue).

UMS Ticket Office hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed Sunday.

El Día de la Mujer Conference at Michigan State University, March 19

By Claudia Annoni, La Prensa

March 19th, 2011: Over 700 attended the 18th *Día de la Mujer Conference* that took place at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan. An unforgettable day, full of workshops and educational classes that focused on education, health, politics, interpersonal relationships, culture, and development, but mainly on self-empowerment for Latinas of all ages and backgrounds.

Among other renowned women, the Judge Patricia Pérez Fresard was present, she is the first Latina ever elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court and in this position since 1998. The Honorable Judge was one of the presenters for a workshop about Law Careers and Minorities. During dinner time, Judge Pérez Fresard shared her story and talked about the importance of education.

The theme this year—*Build the future with your voice and action*—made emphasis on the ability that everyone has to create the future they want. Just visualize it, vocalize it, and put it in action. There is no limit for what everyone wants to accomplish.

This was also the message expressed by *Dr. Aida Barrera*, who was the final keynote speaker. Her words motivated the audience and sent away the participants after an exciting day of learning and network. According to the Website of the Conference, “Dr. Barrera is a specialist in multicultural communications and media studies, stemming from programming she created and produced for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR). Her PBS series, *CARRASCOLENDAS*, became the first network television production to address the needs of Latino children in the United States.”

Other speakers included *Isabel Montemayor* and *Marcelina Treviño Savala*. This year, the *Maria Zavala Award* was received by *Alejandra “Ollie” Zuniga*, a strong advocate for education in Michigan and the United States. She is a native of Texas but moved with her family to Saginaw in the 1940s. Zuniga was cofounder of Saginaw’s GI Forum’s annual *César Chávez Scholarship Luncheon*, scheduled for March 31, 2011, at Saginaw Valley State University.

The Día de la Mujer Conference was organized by the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions, Culturas de las Razas Unidas, Michigan State University and the Conference Planning Committee form by twenty one women and coordinated by *Juan Antonio Flores*.

On the Internet: <http://ddlm.ocat.msu.edu/f-a-q/>

Conferencia Día de la Mujer “Construye el futuro con tu voz y tu acción” Por Claudia Annoni, La Prensa

El sábado 19 de marzo del 2011, se llevó a cabo la décimo octava conferencia Día de la Mujer en E. Lansing, Michigan. Un día inolvidable de talleres y clases educativas que se enfocaron en educación, salud, política, relaciones interpersonales, cultura y

desarrollo pero, por sobre todo, en el fortalecimiento de la mujer latina, de toda las edades y de todos los orígenes.

Entre otras tantas mujeres de renombre, se hizo presente la *Jueza Patricia Pérez Fresard*, quien es la primera Latina electa en la Corte del Condado de Wayne y quien se desempeña en esta posición desde 1998. La destacada Jueza fue parte de una sesión a cerca de la carrera en leyes y las minorías. Durante la cena, la Honorable Jueza Pérez Fresard compartió su historia con las presentes e hizo hincapié en la importancia de la educación.

El tema de este año hacia énfasis en que cada una tiene la habilidad de crear el futuro que quiera, simplemente debe visualizarlo, vocalizarlo y ponerlo en acción y que no hay límite para lo que se quiera alcanzar en la vida.

Así también lo expresó la *Dra. Aida Barrera*, quien fue la conferenciante que cerró el evento. Sus palabras motivaron a la audiencia y despidieron a las participantes después de un día intenso de aprendizaje y convivencia.

Cabe destacar que este año, el premio *Maria Zavala* lo recibió la *Sra. Alejandra “Ollie” Zuniga*, ardua representante de educación en Michigan y en los Estados Unidos.

La Conferencia Día de la Mujer fue organizada por la Oficina de Transición Académica y Cultural, Culturas de las Razas Unidas, la Universidad de Michigan State y el Comité de Planeamiento, compuesto por veintinueve mujeres y coordinado por *Juan Antonio Flores*.

Los organizadores estimaron que este año el número de participantes fue alrededor de 700 personas.

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César Chávez honored at variety of venues

For the first time, *Saginaw Valley State University- Office of Diversity Programs* has partnered with the *American GI Forum of Saginaw Michigan* to host the *8th Annual César Chávez Scholarship Luncheon*. This event is hosted annually by the local chapter of the American GI Forum in honor of César Chávez and to raise funds for scholarships for local students.

"It is our honor to host this event with the American GI Forum of Saginaw and I am proud that we are able to be a part of such a meaningful event that supports higher education for local students," said *Dr. Mamie Thorns*, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Programs at SVSU.

César Estrada Chávez (March 31, 1927 – April 23, 1993) was a Mexican-American labor leader who used non-violent methods to fight for the rights of migrant farm workers. During the 20th century, he was a leading voice for migrant farm workers. His tireless leadership focused national attention on these laborers' terrible working conditions, which eventually led to improvements.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 per person. All ticket sale proceeds go towards scholarships each year. Tickets for the César Chávez Scholarship luncheon may be purchased at <http://agifsaginawmi.org> or by calling 989-964-4048.

Other venues to honor Chávez include:

- **Flint**, March 26: "¡Viva César Chávez!" hosted by the Hispanic/Latino Collaborative, commemorating the 24th anniversary of the naming of César Chávez Drive in Flint and the 84th birthday of César Chávez with march, program, and lunch; at the University of Michigan – Flint, Harding Mott University Center, Saturday March 26, 2011, 12:00PM.
- **Kalamazoo**, March 26, 6:30PM: Scholarship and Awards Presentation Dinner, with keynote speaker *Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr.*, 269-760-8138.
- **Grand Rapids**, March 31, 11AM: César Chávez Social Justice March at Holy Name of Jesús Catholic Church, 1204 Grandville Ave., Lupe 616-942-5241.
- **E. Lansing**, March 31, 2-8PM: MSU César Chávez Commemorative Celebration with Blood Drive and other activities at Kellogg Center. Also, MSU Student Leadership Conference on April 2, 9:30AM, MSU Union.
- **Lansing**, March 31, 9AM: Lansing Community College, Dart Auditorium.

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FLOC's Velásquez opposes Ohio SB 5 and similar bills throughout the United States: "Balancing the budget should not create a nation of low-wage workers"

Baldemar Velásquez released a strong statement opposing Ohio Senate Bill 5 and other such measures throughout the United States, which would "eviscerate collective bargaining rights" for employees of the state of Ohio.

Velásquez is the president of the *Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO (FLOC)*, a union representing thousands of migrant farmworkers throughout North Carolina and the Midwest.

Stressing the importance of these basic rights, Velásquez said the bill would leave "working people "powerless, with no way to affect the most basic elements of their lives."

He notes, that while there is a real need to address a state's fiscal situation, the bill "would only make up less than three percent of the deficit – and the cost of these small gains would be borne by further marginalization of the middle class. . . At the same time, Ohio has refused to consider touching the more than \$800 million in tax cuts for its wealthiest citizens and corporations. Ohio's strategy for deficit reduction is a sham if it does not include stopping these inequitable tax benefits."

Farmworkers, a group excluded from the National Labor Relations Act, have never had the right to collectively bargain and have historically suffered some of the worst working and living conditions in the country. Pointing out that these two facts are not unrelated, Velásquez said, "the dismantling of collective bargaining for public employees will be one further step in marginalizing a growing group of citizens."

"FLOC is vehemently opposed to this misguided law as we stand in solidarity with our colleagues, brothers and sisters in the ranks of public employment, and the citizens they serve."

To see the full statement, visit: www.floc.com.



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