



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

September 15 – October 15

2009

Spotlight Productions: Bordertown

September 7-12

9:00 AM, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, & 9:00 PM

Kirkhof Theatre

A powerful story of life on the border between the United States and Mexico, Bordertown stars Jennifer Lopez and is inspired by true events.

Immigration Forum

September 14 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Grand Rapids

Richard Kessler, Andrew Schlewitz, Jeth Smith, and Mary Vaccaro.

The event will start with music at 6:30 pm and the panel will begin at 7 pm.

Professor Andrew Schlewitz and Attorney Richard Kessler will speak along with other speakers from the community. We will present the case for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, looking at what is wrong with current immigration laws and why the system needs to be overhauled.

Hispanic Heritage Kick-Off

September 14 & 15 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM Cook Carillon Tower

Meet the GVSU Latino student organization, listen to great Latino music and learn more about the 2009 Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Wall of Shadows: From the Statue of Liberty to the Border Wall

September 16 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Barbara Martinez Jitner

For nearly as long as the US has been a country, the question of who gets to be an American has stirred our passions and conflicted our values. Nothing demonstrates this better than the new wall being built along the US/Mexican border. This impenetrable steel wall appears to violate a deep sense of identity most American cherish; a nation of immigrants with our Lady Liberty beckoning the "huddled masses." Jitner shares her film, *Wall of Shadows*, and discusses both sides of the wall. She poses questions of who we are and where we are heading, and engages in a dialogue with listeners as America now decides to complete or tear down the wall.



Latinos: Beyond Tacos and Sombreros

September 21 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Juan A. Colon

During this workshop we will explore the definition of the words Latino and Hispanic, and will speak about the diversity within the Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and the shared values. Mr. Colon will also discuss the concept of *Marianismo* and *Machismo* and briefly talk about the state of Latinos/Hispanic health in the US. Mr. Colon will also present suggestions as to how to best reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community, and will close by touching on some of the more popular myths about Latinos/Hispanics.

Voices of Immigration: The Challenge of Being a Foreign Writer in America

September 24 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Hemil Garcia Linares

Peruvian writer Garcia's speech will mainly address the challenge of being a foreign writer in America. He will speak about the journey of many immigrants in America; endless hours of work and venturing in any trade on the way to reach the American dream. The main theme in his collection of stories, "Tales of The North, Stories from The South", is the immigrant's struggle for that often-elusive American Dream. The author, who has lived in Virginia for almost a decade, presents us with a radical and unrefined portrait of the unsuspected destinies each of his characters faces day to day.



Cartoneros

September 28-29 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM

Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center

Cartoneros follows the paper recycling process in Buenos Aires from the trash pickers who collect paper informally through middlemen in warehouses, to executives in large corporate mills. The process exploded into a multimillion dollar industry after Argentina's latest economic collapse. The film is both a record of an economic and social crisis and an invitation to audiences to rethink the value of trash.

Latinos in a US Society Used to a Black-White Paradigm

September 30 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Dr. Enrique E. Figueroa

Latinos in the US have rapidly become our largest minority group. We now represent nearly 15% of America's population and all indicators point to an ever increasing proportion. This rapid change is presenting challenges to many institutions which historically have not viewed Latinos as a large minority group. In addition, the social fabric of our country is undergoing a change, both in terms of the use of Spanish and the emerging prominence of ethnicity, rather than race--though not all of us speak Spanish, most of us do and Latinos come in all races. We need to develop and greater understanding of Latinos and how we are changing America.



Piñata Making and Art Exhibit

October 3 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Join us for hands-on, piñata-making workshops with the Latino Student Union and a unique opportunity to view pieces by local artist Erick Pichardo. This event will coincide with the "Samples of Salsa" event during Family Weekend. Tickets are not required to participate in the workshops or art exhibits.

Conversation about Cartoneros

October 6 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Ernesto Livon-Grossman

The director of *Cartoneros* will speak, via SKYPE, about his film and discuss some of the issues found in the film such as recycling, ecology, alternatives to economic and social crisis..



The Power of We: Leadership for our Diverse Communities

October 14 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cook DeWitt Auditorium

Juana Bordas

Ms. Bordas will speak on valuing diversity and multicultural leadership. Valuing diversity is an opportunity to grow, be proactive, and become a more effective leader. Through an interactive exchange we will celebrate our personal heritage and then expand our ability to honor the traditions of others. We will share specific strategies to increase our ability to lead and build community in our increasingly diverse society. A special emphasis will be on understanding the leadership practices in communities of color.



Discovering the Meaning of Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) through Altar Making

October 27 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM OMA, 1240 Kirkhof Center

October 28 & 29 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Grand River Room, KC

Erick Pichardo

Attendees will create pieces like flowers, masks, and papel picado art that can be added to a collaborative altar display in the Kirkhof Center. RSVP to oma@gvsu.edu or 616-331-2177 is required for October 27.

Please visit www.gvsu.edu/oma for complete event information.

Visit Zumberge Library from September 15-October 15 to see the Hispanic Heritage Month display and learn about Hispanic Heritage resources at GVSU.

Join the Latino Student Union for their Annual Dinner and Dance. September 26, 6:00 PM - 1:00 AM.
Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center

Events are free and open to the public. For information on parking or for individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177 or oma@gvsu.edu or estradgr@gvsu.edu.

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