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Let's Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Philadelphia, Pa—Sept. 10, 2007—Taller Puertorriqueño announces its line-up of events and activities for the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, Sept. 14 to Oct. 12, 2007.

“With a mixture of exciting cultural events that include literature, music, arts and crafts, live performances, poetry reading and art exhibits for all age groups, the festivities at Taller Puertorriqueño promises to get everybody in the fiesta mood,” said Carmen Febo-San Miguel, executive director.

Events are as follows:

Vereda Cultural

9/14/07

5:30 - 8 p.m.

FREE

Community businesses transformed into art spaces! Featuring: Robert Shabazz (H.A.C.E), Amy Diaz (Raices Culturales Latinoamericanas), Children & Youth Create Art (Taller's Lorenzo Homar Gallery), Dante Sanchez (Nationwide), & Betsy Casañas (Taller's Roberto P. Hernández Theater

After party featuring Tato Torres & Grupo Yerbabuena

9/14/07

8 p.m.

\$10 Entry, \$5 Members

YERBABUENA is a group of individuals who come together to play the music that they love under the musical direction of singer-composer-musician Tato Torres. It is composed of musicians, singers and dancers from the New York City area, who share an intense passion for the musical traditions of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean .

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Meet the Author Tomas Riley and Leticia Hernandez

Serie Conozca al Autor

9/22/07

3 p.m.

FREE

Taller brings world-class authors to what some have described as Eastern North Philadelphia's underclass. Taller's guest authors cover topics as diverse in range, i.e., from anthropological studies on gentrification in our inner-cities (Arlene Davila) to the poetic bridges between Puerto Rico and Morocco (Victor Hernandez Cruz), as the Meet the Author Series' audience, i.e., elderly community residents to college students, activists to professionals.

Meet the Author Roger Santibañez

Serie Conozca al Autor

9/29/07

3 p.m.

FREE

The Meet the Author Series is a free program offered by the Julia de Burgos Books and Crafts Store one Saturday a month from January to November. Enjoy an afternoon of engaging dialogue with writers of different literary disciplines.

21st Annual Book & Crafts Fair

Feria del Libro y Artesanía

10/6/07

1 p.m.

FREE

Calling all bookworms! Taller Puertorriqueño's Julia de Burgos Books and Crafts Store hosts the largest outdoor Annual Latino Books and Crafts Fair in the region! Children are treated to Spanish and English storytelling hours while adults listen to literary lectures, attend book signings, find bargains, and treat themselves to handmade jewelry and crafts.

Opening of Santos de Puerto Rico: Tallas de Fe y Sentimiento Exhibit

10/6/07

3 p.m.

FREE

For the first time in more than a decade, this exhibit will present the art of carving Santos (wooden statues) in Philadelphia. Carving Santos was introduced to America by Spanish colonizers and missionaries in the 16th century. The exhibition will present older examples in parallel to contemporary themes and styles encompassing a period of over 100 years. In keeping with the significance of Christmas, this exhibition will include images of the popular Tres Reyes Magos (Three Wise Men) as well as nativity scenes. Two artisans, brought by the Puerto Rico Institute of Culture, will demonstrate and answer questions about the traditions of wood carving. The exhibit will run from October 2007 until January 2008.

Vereda Cultural

10/12/07

5:30 - 8 p.m.

FREE

Want to enjoy an evening filled with art, music, food, shopping and more? Well we have the event that will allow you to find free parking, enjoy art at traditional and non-traditional places, eat dinner then enjoy more art and perhaps purchase your favorite piece, dance to rhythms of Latin music and snap a picture or two with your favorite community artists or stilt walkers, Vereda Cultural or Walkway of Art in el Centro de Oro.

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Memories of Fire - Play by Naylamp Theater

10/12/07

8 p.m.

\$10 Entry, \$5 Members

A collaborative play based on three characters coming from ancient Greece . They will tell us stories about women in the Latino community. *Memories of Fire* is a theater work based on interviews on Latino women that will involve techniques of improvisation, work of text, sequences and movement. Many of the problems and difficulties of women in our community are related to their social roll and archetypes. Through stories and myths well-known or unknown they rethink and re-construct their own personal story.

Submit a raffle entry form every time you come to and event for your chance to win one (1) airline ticket courtesy of US Airways. Drawing will be held during Vereda Cultural on Oct. 12, 2007.

Known as *El Corazón Cultural del Barrio* and rooted in the Puerto Rican/Latino community in Philadelphia , **Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc.** was created out of a desire to create a space in which to celebrate, appreciate and learn about Puerto Rican/Latino culture(s). Since its founding in 1974, Taller has played a leading role in introducing art as an essential vehicle for understanding and overcoming social and cultural struggles, as a tool to challenge stereotypes and prejudices, and as a dynamic medium for preserving and rejuvenating the Puerto Rican/Latino culture(s).

Taller Puertorriqueño is committed to its mission to preserve, develop and promote Puerto Rican artistic and cultural traditions, as well as the quality representation of other Latin American cultures and our common roots.

For more information on this at other Taller Puertorriqueño sponsor events, please contact Yolanda Jimenez-Colon at 215.423.6320, yjcolon@tallerpr.org or Eric Cortes at 215.423.6320 or ecortes@tallerpr.org.

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