

NET Television Programming Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

LINCOLN, Neb. (August 18, 2010) -- NET Television will honor Hispanic and Latino heritage with special programming about culture, music and history during Hispanic Heritage Month which runs through September and October, and celebrates the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries. Hispanics or Latinos are the fastest-growing minority group in Nebraska.

Sunday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m. CT on NET2, "Latin View" features the best and brightest Hispanic leaders discussing and debating issues that affect the nation's diverse Latino population. This episode features an in-depth conversation with comedian Alex Reymundo, one of "The Original Latin Kings of Comedy " At 4:30 p.m. CT, "La Plaza" host Marian Hinojosa interviews Salsa music legend Willie Colon who talks about his musical beginnings in New York City, his political aspirations and the future of the musical genre he helped to develop.

The two-part series "Latin Music USA" celebrates the powerful Latin rhythms at the heart of jazz, rock, country, and rhythm and blues, highlighting the great American music created by Latinos. Airing Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m. CT, and repeating Sunday, Sept. 12 at 10 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD, part one of "Latin Music USA" explores the rise of Latin jazz, the mambo and the cha-cha, and the reinvention of rhythms. It also repeats Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. CT and Friday, Sept. 10 at 7 a.m., as well as 1 and 6 p.m. CT on NET2.

Part two of "Latin Music USA" looks at music's role in the struggle for Chicano civil rights and the impact of the Latin pop explosion during the turn of the 21st Century. It airs Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. CT and Sunday, Sept. 19 at 10 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD. It also repeats Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. CT and Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 a.m., as well as 1 and 6 p.m. CT on NET2.

On NET2 on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. CT, experts discuss internet usage among U.S. Hispanics compared to usage among other races on "Latin View." Following at 4:30 p.m. CT, "La Plaza" features an interview with Mari Carmen Ramirez who directs the International Center for the Arts of the Americas at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, guests on "Latin View" discuss the impact Hispanics are making on the U. S. economy and their influence on fashion. Following at 4:30 p.m. CT, "La Plaza" features an interview with Alma Guillermoprieto, a Mexican-born journalist and author who talks about covering Latin American stories for more than 25 years.

Monday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, "Cachao: Uno Mas" profiles the Grammy-winning bassist Israel "Cachao" Lopez, a maestro of legendary status on the world stage. He is considered one of the greatest Afro-Cuban musicians of all time. Together with his brother Orestes, he revolutionized the heart of Cuban music. Their spontaneous improvisations and innovations helped establish contemporary Latin jazz and salsa, rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues.

Then at 9:30 p.m. the same night, "Orozco: Man of Fire" profiles Jose Clemente Orozco, an artist and leader of the Mexican Renaissance. His bold, dynamic frescoes impacted American painters and inspired Franklin D. Roosevelt to put artists to work during the Great Depression. Orozco survived the loss of his left hand and destruction of more than half his early work by border agents. His travels back and forth across the U.S.-Mexico border have provocative parallels to present times.

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 7 a.m. CT, as well as 1 and 6 p.m. CT on NET2, "Los Lonely Boys Cottonfields and Crossroads" depicts a classic rock story told from a Mexican-American perspective, revealing how family, culture and identity shape dreams.

"2501 Migrants: A Journey," airs Friday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m., 3 and 5 p.m. on NET2. It explores questions of art in the context of global migration. An artist creates a monumental installation art piece that consists of 2,501 life-size sculptures -- an homage to each individual migrant who left his village.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. CT on NET2, "Latin View" takes a look at the growing ranks of Latino soldiers, military veterans and "green-card" defense forces. Following at 4:30 p.m. CT, "La Plaza" features interviews with Sergio Arau and Yareli Arizmendi, a husband-and-wife movie producing team who discuss their careers and their evolving cultural identities.

"When Worlds Collide" explores the time when the "Old World" first encountered the "New World." Airing Monday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD, the program illuminates the origins of today's Latino culture through the untold story of what happened in the Americas after Columbus.

Following at 10 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, "Rivera in America" examines the painting, passion and politics of famed Mexican muralist Diego Rivera. Rivera's bold, visionary images sought to chronicle the history and culture of his nation, depicting the interaction of immense forces: continents and civilizations on the move, and the conflicts and upheavals of scientific, political and social change.

The "Independent Lens" episode, "Our Disappeared/Nuestros Desaparecidos" retraces brutal events that still haunt Argentina today. Airing Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 a.m., 1 and 6 p.m. on NET2, the program follows filmmaker Juan Mandelbaum as he discovers his former girlfriend was among the thousands abducted, tortured and murdered during a state-authorized campaign of atrocities.

"As Long As I Remember: American Veterans" chronicles the experiences of three South Texas Vietnam-era veterans who are also artists and follows them as they recall growing up in the Mexican American community, their military service in Vietnam, and their lives after the war. The program airs Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 9 a.m., 3, 5 and 8 p.m. on NET2.

NET1, NET2 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For complete program schedules, visit NET's website at netNebraska.org/television.

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