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## *Jersey City Celebrates First Latin American Festival of Folklore: Cultures of the Americas* *The Sights and Sounds of Various Latin American Countries Are Brought to You Through Dance, Music, Food and Much More!*

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, the Dept. of Health & Human Services/Division of Cultural Affairs in partnership with Centro de Residente Bolivianos en New Jersey, USA host Jersey City’s very first **Latin American Folklore Festival** from **11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2009** at Exchange Place.

“I encourage everyone to come and celebrate the sights and sounds of the Latino world,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This will be a unique opportunity for everyone to get a taste of Latin America without going overseas. There will be authentic food, crafts and plenty of activities for families to enjoy.”

Representatives from Latin American countries such as Colombia, Argentina, Mexico, Bolivia, El Salvador, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile will be taking part in the festival. They will be bringing their own food and beverages, traditional clothes, music, performances and also handicrafts.

Mariachis, Cumbia, and traditional music are just a few of the diverse sounds featured on the Festival’s main stage, as well as traditional folkloric dance showcasing dramatic, beautiful and lighthearted dance presentations from more than 20 Latin American countries. Each traditional dance has its own incredible costumes and fascinating history weaving visual tales from Latin American countries.

The Festival features nationally and internationally known musicians and talents of local musicians and dancers. Among the highlights of the festival are performances by:

- **Estudiantina Bolivia of New York (EBNY)**, recipient of the “Premios Aruma” Award, for their indigenous Bolivian music. EBNY incorporates students and musicians from various regions of New York and New Jersey. Each one of them brings a wealth of experience from their native countries and cultural experiences. Their musical repertoire includes a multiple of flutes and percussion instruments from the different regions in Bolivia, some of the rhythms include Italkes, Suri Sikuris, K’antus, Pinkilladas, Tarkeadas, and many others.

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- **Mariachi Nuevo Mexico**, formed on May 2000, counts with two trumpets, vihuela, Mexican bass (Guitarrón), and violin. The **Mariachi** features a fantastic imitation of the most loved one singer-songwriter in America El SHOW De Juan Gabriel, as well as musical interpretation of songs such as *My way*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *God bless America*, *The Lion King*, and many more
- **Orquidea De Oro De Colombia**, a group of young dancers showcasing their rich Colombian culture through dance, Cumbia, Vallenato, and more
- **Caporales Universitarios San Simon New York**, recipient of the “Aruma Award” for “**Best Caporales of 2008**,” performs the Caporal dance which is relatively new in the history of Bolivian folklore, but has gained increased popularity through innovations of great creativity, created a group of male Caporales composed of men and women of high stature and agility to dance
- **Academia De Danzas Jach’a** who is dedicated to serving its members by enhancing the Bolivian artistic and cultural education, promoting ideal brotherhood and actively contributing to build the character and integrity of each member
- **Caporales Sangre Boliviana**, another Caporales dance group
- **Mariachi Oro de Mexico**, a Mariachi group who participates in many cultural and musical festivals and works with many famous Mexican artists such as Maribel Guardia, Pedro Fernandez, Alicia Villareal, Yolanda Del Rio, Ana Barbara and much more

“This is an exciting event for us,” said **Carola Leonardini**, Vice-President CRBNJ. “Jersey City, being one of the most diverse cities in the country, is the perfect venue to share the rich heritage and culture of Latin America with others. Our live entertainment is sure to get the crowd moving.

For more information on the **Jersey City Celebrates First Latin American Festival of Folklore: Cultures of the Americas**, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at **201-547-6921** or 201-892-1384 or visit [www.jerseycitynj.gov](http://www.jerseycitynj.gov) or [www.bolivianj.org](http://www.bolivianj.org).

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**FIRST LATIN-AMERICAN FOLKLORE FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009**

**PRIMER FESTIVAL LATINOAMERICANO DE FOLKLORE  
"RAICES DE AMERICA" - EL 12 DE JULIO DEL 2009**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS/PROGRAMMA**

	<b>PARTICIPANTE/ ENTERTAINMENT</b>	<b>PAIS/COUNTRY</b>	<b>HRS.</b>
0	Inauguración del Festival RAICES DE AMERICA	CRBNJ	11:00
1	Natalia Arteaga	Colombia	11:15
2	Duo Yascortes y Ariel	Argentina	11:30
3	Mariachi Nuevo México	México	12:00
4	Espiritu Boliviano (tobas)	Bolivia	12:30
5	Caporales San Simón USA	Bolivia	12:35
6	Ballet Folklórico Cuzcatlan	Salvador	12:45
7	Ballet Café y Orquidea	Colombia	12:50
8	Caporales Sangre Boliviana	Bolivia	1:00
9	El Picaflor de los Andes	Ecuador	1:10
10	Academia de Danzas Jach'a (Taquirari)	Bolivia	1:30
11	Duo Rueda Guerra	Argentina	1:35
12	Mariachi Oro de Mexico	México	2:00
13	Diablada Boliviana de New Jersey	Bolivia	2:35
14	Sambos Caporales	Bolivia	2:45
15	Nurys Capello	Colombia	2:55
16	Academia de Danzas Jach'a (Tinkus)	Bolivia	3:10
17	Espiritu Boliviano (Pujllay)	Bolivia	3:15
18	Caporales San Simón Universitario NJ	Bolivia	3:20
19	Carlos Alberto	Ecuador	3:30
20	Taky Llaqta Tusuy Perú	Perú	4:00
21	Grupo Expresión	Bolivia	4:10
22	Ballet Folklórico Cuzcatlan	El Salvador	4:40
23	Pasión Boliviana (Salaki)	Bolivia	4:45
24	Juán Colmenarez	Perú	4:55
25	Expresiones de Chile	Chile	5:25

26	Orquidea de Oro	Colombia	5:30
27	Odair	Brasil	5:40
28	Centro Cultural Shacshas de Upacá	Perú	5:55
29	Caporales San Simón New York	Bolivia	6:10
30	Amérika Andina	Ecu-Bol	6:20
31	Estudiantina Bolivia	Bolivia	6:50
32	Cierre del Festival (Canción con todos)	Integración Latinoamericana	7:40

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