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### ***Rio Hondo College Events Explore Latin American Music, Dance and Cultural Traditions***

**WHITTIER** – Rio Hondo College will hold a series of events celebrating Latin American culture and artistry over the next few weeks, including screening of films, music and dance performances and explorations of traditions such as Día de Los Muertos.

“These events open avenues of opportunity to our entire campus community to learn about the wealth of cultural elements that is part of Southern California’s Latin American heritage,” Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said.

The programming kicked off in September with SUR:biennial, an art exhibit at multiple Southern California locations highlighting Latino artists. The show continues at the Rio Hondo College Gallery through Friday, Oct. 13.

The next program will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, when Rio Hondo College hosts the educational nonprofit Nuestras Raices, which will celebrate Mexican music and dance. The show, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wray Theater, includes members of the Los Angeles troupe, guests Hermanos Herrera and a talk by Nuestras Raices founder Dr. Argelia Andrade.

Other events:

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3:** The Latinx Heritage Event will feature a screening of the 2006 HBO film “Walkout,” which chronicles the East L.A. student walkout of 1968. The film will be followed by a Q&A with producer Moctesuma Esparza, who participated in the walkout as a student. Esparza’s other noted productions include “Selena,” “The Milagro Beanfield War” and “Introducing Dorothy Dandridge.”

**9 a.m., 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7:** Nuestras Raices, an educational nonprofit focused on dance and music, will offer workshops exploring Mexican traditions. Each program will explore a different regional style followed by a performance.

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**7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 10:** Artist and educator Ofelia Esparza will discuss Día de Los Muertos.

**10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12:** Artist and educator Ofelia Esparza will construct a Día de Los Muertos altar in the lobby of the Wray Theater, sharing her methods as she assembles artifacts, mementos, photographs, flowers, candles and saints to create a sacred place to honor departed loved ones. Following the creation, members of the Rio Hondo Community will be able to share their remembrances through Nov. 2.

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