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Celebración 2008, Hispanic Heritage at Roxbury Community College

Boston—The Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee at Roxbury Community College is presenting *Celebración 2008, Hispanic Heritage at Roxbury Community College* on October 8 and 9, 2008.

On Wednesday, October 8, 2008 special guest Eduardo Suárez will discuss “The Environment and You.” Mr. Suárez is Project Director of ECHO for Sustainable Development, a non-profit collaborative in the Pioneer Valley dedicated to generating green jobs, capacity building and leadership development. He is described as “a constant advocate for community participation and empowerment.”

Mr. Suárez’s other professional experience include Project Director of The Access Holyoke Partnership, which developed 14 Community Technology Centers that provided access and education to low-income communities. He is a former Supervisor of Public Health for the New York City Department of Public Health, where he coordinated and organized local partnerships for community health. Mr. Suárez also designed protocol for community-based injury-prevention interventions, thus stimulating community driven strategies for prevention and control of chronic disease.

Mr. Suárez was a Program Coordinator for the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrants Rights where he, among other things, managed the implementation of the State Legalization Impact Assistance Grant.

Mr. Suárez’s vast involvement in community and cultural activities include organizing over 30 art exhibits as an independent art curator; producer of the 2007 Pioneer Valley Latin Jazz Festival; and coach of the pick-up soccer game Fridays with Fort River Elementary School students in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Eduardo Suárez, Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m., at Media Arts Building Main Stage, Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, MA

Food Fair and Information tables between Administration and Academic Buildings (buildings 2 and 3) 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Rain Location Student Cafeteria.

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On Thursday, October 9, 2008 the **Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee** will present *Artistas Latinos*, an art opening featuring the art work of four gifted Boston artists.

The artists whose work will be on exhibit are:

Juan Pérez has exhibited his work Taiwan, China; Burlington, Vermont; and throughout Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Perez has taught in the Prison Arts Program for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections; the Boston Public Schools; and the Arts and Crafts Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roberto Chao is a community muralist and art educator who has produced dozens of remarkable art projects with groups as diverse as school children, gang members, single mothers, elderly people and teenagers. Mr. Chao has exhibited his work in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Uruguay, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

Pablo Chao at age 17 is already showing great promise on the Boston art scene. Pablo was a prominent participant in the Jackson square Mural Project and the giant mural at the Hernandez Elementary School in Boston—mural projects led by his father, community artist, Roberto Chao. Pablo has traveled extensively visiting Europe, Egypt, Israel, Mexico, Cuba, the Caribbean, and South America.

Silvina Mizrahi is a citizen of both Argentina and Israel and currently resides in Boston, Massachusetts. Her sculptures have been widely exhibited and acclaimed in her native Argentina, Uruguay, Israel, and the United States. Ms. Mizrahi also studied dance with, among others, the Martha Graham School and is an accomplished dancer and choreographer.

Celebracion 2008, Hispanic Heritage at Roxbury Community College hosts a reception for Artistas Latinos, on October 9, 2008 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., in the Group Study Room, first floor, Roxbury Community College Library, 1234 Columbus Ave., Roxbury, MA.