



Dancing to Preserve Latin Culture

Ballet Hispanico hosts Spring Gala at The Plaza Hotel.

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Aiming to preserve and celebrate Latin culture Ballet Hispanico will be hosting their Spring Gala on April 8th starting at 7 p.m. at The Plaza Hotel. An enjoyable evening of dinner, live music from the Spanish Harlem Orchestra, and performances by the Ballet Hispanico Company and students from the Ballet Hispanico School of Dance people are encourage to show their support of the organization.

Known as one of the top Latin dance organizations in the nation, Ballet Hispanico has a wide array of dance numbers designed by some of the leading choreographers and artist of the time. Many of their works are a hybrid of classical, Latin, and modern dance that includes drama and passion. The Ballet Hispanico School of Dance, a member of the National Association of Schools of Dance, is one of the top training programs that offers ballets, modern, and Spanish dance. The students learn many of the core principals of Latin dance culture and are lead by internationally known dance instructor, Ana Maria Correa.

Students have performed sold out shows at the famous Apollo Theater and was a featured performance in an event in Washington D.C. during the presidential inauguration. From April 16th to 28th, the dance company will be celebrating its 25th season of performances at The Joyce Theater. In total, the company has put on around 3 million performances in 11 countries on 3 different continents.

This year the foundation will honor Randy Falco, CEO of Univision Communications, which is the leading media group that serves the Hispanic community. Falco has worked for numerous years in the entertainment industry, including being CEO and chairman of AOL and COO for NBC's Olympic coverage. In addition, he volunteers his time and is a member of the board of Ronald McDonald House and the Museum of The Moving Image.

“More than 40 years ago, two pioneers emerged to provide a voice for the Latino community: Univision on television and Ballet Hispanico on stage,” said Falco. “I’m honored to receive this award and celebrate the accomplishments of Latino leaders in the arts and media industries in one fabulous evening,” he continued.