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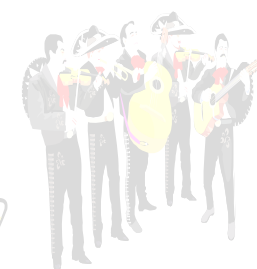
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Creative Writing Contest

"Celebrating a Mosaic of Cultures"



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"Time to Write" Creative Writing Competition

Purpose: To celebrate Latino heritage and to promote greater access to the arts in Los Angeles

Theme: "Celebrating a Mosaic of Cultures"

To participate in this Creative Writing competition, it is required that you choose one of the following figures from Latino history and connect it to the theme:

Luis Walter Alvarez: (Nobel Prize in Physics 1968, member of the "Manhattan Project"); **Michelle Bachelet:** (First female president of Chile); **Roberto Clemente:** (Pro Baseball player who was killed delivering humanitarian aide to earthquake victims); **Junot Diaz:** (Pulitzer Prize winner in Literature); **Dolores Huerta:** Co-founder of the UFW and continues to be a champion of farm worker rights); **Victor Jara:** (Folk Singer who was murdered for his stance on human rights); **Antonio Carlos Jobim:** (Pioneer of the "Bossa Nova" music style); **Ralph Lazo:** (Voluntarily followed his friends and neighbors into the Japanese Internment Camps during WWII); **Gabriel Garcia Marquez:** (Recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature 1982); **Rigoberta Menchu:** (Recipient Nobel Peace Prize Winner in 1992, for her lifelong dedication to the struggles of Guatemala's indigenous people); **Luisa Moreno:** (An early leader in the U.S. labor movement); **Ellen Ochoa:** (First Hispanic Woman in Space); **Msr. Oscar A. Romero:** (Dedicated his life and was killed for speaking out against human rights violations); **Hon. Edward Roybal:** (Former L.A. City Councilmember and Congressman who dedicated his life and career to improving the lives of his constituents); **Mercedes Sosa:** (pioneering folk singer, arrested for her political views); **Luis Valdez:** (Father of Chicano Theatre also wrote and directed Zoot Suit, chronicling the real life events of the Sleepy Lagoon Murder trial)

Eligibility: Any child and teen living in Los Angeles County (in grades 6-12 in public, private, or charter school)

Guidelines for Entry:

- Creative writing must be an original work and not previously published
- Entry can be a poem, song, a narrative, an imagined story, etc.
- Must NOT exceed one page
- Entry must be TYPED • Handwritten entries will NOT be accepted
- Entries will be judged based on originality in interpreting the figure chosen; creativity; clarity of the writing; and knowledge of Latino History
- Only one entry per person (Previous Heritage Creative Writing winners in calendar years 2007 – 2008 are ineligible for 1st Place)

Each entry must have the following information:

1. Title of entry
2. Student's full name & visible grade level
3. Student's home mailing address
4. Student's home phone or cell phone
5. School's name & address
6. Teacher's full name, telephone number & e-mail

Submit essay(s) to:

Office of the Mayor
Attn: L.H.M. Youth Education Program
200 N. Spring St., Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012
email: lhmyep@lacity.org

Deadline: Entries MUST arrive in our office by 5:00 pm on Friday September 26, 2008 (this is not a postmark date)

Emailed entries as an attached word document are encouraged. Submit to lhmyep@lacity.org

Prizes: Prizes Awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners in each division, additionally each student winner will receive tickets to Disneyland:

	1 st Place:	2 nd Place:	3 rd Place
Division I: 6 th -8 th	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Pkg.	3 mos Free Road Runner Pkg
Division II: 9 th -10 th	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Pkg.	3 mos Free Road Runner Pkg
Division III: 11 th -12 th	Dell Laptop Computer	6 mos Free Road Runner Pkg.	3 mos Free Road Runner Pkg

Additional prizes will be distributed at the event from, The Walt Disney Company, Time Warner Cable and other sponsors. Winners will be notified via phone call the week of September 29, 2008. The class of the winning student will be invited to attend an awards ceremony with Mayor Villaraigosa to be held on **Thursday October, 2, 2008.** (Date subject to change.) Details of the awards ceremony will be provided at the time of winning notification.

All winning entries become the property of the City of Los Angeles. The City has the right to reproduce or publish the materials in any medium for current or future use in educational materials and programs. Selection of winners by the committee is final.

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