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**HISPANIC  
HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**

*of Western New York, Inc.*

## WELCOME / BIENVENIDOS

The Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that exists to foster and inspire awareness, understanding, and appreciation of past, present, and future contributions of the Hispanic Community in Western New York. We are dedicated to preserving the history of Hispanics in Western New York for future generations.

## HISPANIC HERITAGE CULTURAL INSTITUTE

**The Hispanic Heritage Cultural Institute project is moving forward as planned. Our legal team has submitted all application materials to the City of Buffalo Common Council and Planning Board. With these under review we are looking forward to the approvals in late spring of required variances, rezoning and permits for construction phase.**



SAVE THE DATE!

**Hispanic Heritage**  
*10th Annual* **Community**  
**Breakfast**

**Location: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center 153 Franklin St, Buffalo NY 14202**

*Saturday, June 24th @ 9:00am*



**Sponsorship Inquiries**

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**[www.hispanicheritagewny.org](http://www.hispanicheritagewny.org)**

# Día del Niño y los Libros Day of the Child & Books



*13th  
annual*

When: Friday, April 28, 2023

Location: BPS #76

Herman Badillo Community School  
315 Carolina St, Buffalo

## Join us!

Be a reader, a mentor  
or demonstrate a  
healthy activity

To participate please RSVP  
[Maritza@HispanicHeritageWNY.org](mailto:Maritza@HispanicHeritageWNY.org)



## Now More than Ever Literacy is Fundamental!!!

- The goal and founding principal of this observance is to promote literacy, nutrition, reading and linking children to books, languages and culture at home and school.
- To show children the value of character, community, health and wellness, and good citizenship.
- Encourage healthy eating habits, nourished bodies, and healthy minds.



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**GOYA**



# DÍA DEL NIÑO DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

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**Friday, April 28 @ 3pm**



The Belle Center  
104 Maryland St.  
Buffalo, NY 14201

**Join us as we celebrate Children and Literacy!**

Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon of activities, snacks performances, free books, and a reading by various community leaders, including a special reading of *The Magical Closet Mystery: A Puerto Rican Adventure* and more...

The goal of this observance is to promote literacy, nutrition, and reading by linking children to books, languages and culture. We aim to show children the value of character, community, health and wellness, and good citizenship.



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*The Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY Presents:*

# INTERNATIONAL CONCERT SERIES

Buffalo & Erie County Public  
**LIBRARY**

1:00pm

Auditorium, Downtown Central Library

1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo

*Enter from Clinton Street (between  
Washington & Ellicott Streets)*

**Admission is Free**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Laura Mazon, Cuba

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**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

An Tran, Vietnam

"Vietnamese Guitar Virtuoso"



**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

David Chapman, Ecuador

"Internationally sought after artist"



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This project is made possible with funds from the Expanding Access to Arts Funding in WNY, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Cullen Foundation.

# GUITAR INITIATIVE

**APR. 24, LAURA MAZON, YOUNG CUBAN GUITARIST LAURA MAZON HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY CRITICS AS AN "EVOCATIVE AND PASSIONATE CLASSICAL GUITARIST". INFUSED BY THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HER CUBAN ROOTS, LAURA WILL BE PERFORMING SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORKS EVER COMPOSED FOR THE GUITAR.**

**MAY 21, AN TRAN, HAILED BY THE BOSTON GLOBE FOR HIS "SUBTLE, GRACEFUL VIRTUOSITY", VIETNAMESE GUITAR VIRTUOSO, AN TRAN, WILL BE PERFORMING A COLLECTION OF GUITAR MASTERWORKS AND HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE MUSIC FEATURED IN HIS DEBUT ALBUM, STAY MY BELOVED".**

**JUNE 11, DAVID CHAPMAN, ECUADORIAN BY BIRTH AND A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR, DR. DAVID CHAPMAN, WILL BE PRESENTING A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH ENGLAND'S ELIZABETHIAN ERA WITH MUSIC ON THE GUITAR AND LUTE.**

**ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

## RALPH R. HERNANDEZ BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BEFORE  
AUGUST 1, 2023**

**MAIL:**

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PO BOX 361, BUFFALO, NY 14201  
ATTN. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**EMAIL: [SCHOLARSHIP@HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG](mailto:SCHOLARSHIP@HISPANICHERITAGEWNY.ORG)**

**APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE:  
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**OR YOU MAY REQUEST IT BY EMAIL:  
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# THE RALPH R. HERNANDEZ BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



Submit completed application before  
August 1, 2023

Mail:

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PO Box 361, Buffalo, NY 14201  
Attn. Scholarship Committee

Email:

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Application available online:

[www.hispanicheritagewny.org](http://www.hispanicheritagewny.org)

Or you may request it by email:

[scholarship@hispanicheritagewny.org](mailto:scholarship@hispanicheritagewny.org)

**\$1,000  
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## Application criteria:

1. Candidates must be direct descendants of Hispanic/Latino Parents or grandparents.
2. Must be pursuing an Education Degree, leading to certification to teach (preference will be given to candidates enrolled in a Bilingual Education Program).
3. College students must have a GPA of 2.75 or above.
4. High School Seniors, must have a grade average of 85 or above.
5. Must be a resident of one of the six counties of Western New York. Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, and Allegany.
6. Must show commitment to the Hispanic/Latino community and participate in an in-person interview.
7. Must appear to receive the award at our Hispanic Heritage Month kick-off ceremony in September.
8. Must serve one year as a student representative to the HHC.
9. Submit a 200-word essay indicating personal history, goals, and commitment to the Hispanic community.

  
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## CGMCNC News: NEW YORK STATE SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE HONORING THE BORINQUENERS.

The US Army 65th Infantry Regiment-Borinqueneers composed of soldiers from Puerto Rico, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014. The medal was unveiled on April 13, 2016. On this day, many members of the elite unit traveled from all over the United States, including some of the Veterans that live in New York State to Washington D.C. The 65th Infantry Regiment is one of the few units in U.S. Army history that were involved in all global wars of the 20th century. After the Korean War, the 65th Infantry Regiment was reactivated as a National Guard unit to operate back in Puerto Rico. At the same time, some of the soldiers who left active military service relocated to New York, joining the growing Puerto Rican community that extends throughout the state.

Since the unveiling of the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal, there has been growing participation from National Citizen Organizations continuing to educate the nation about the 65th Infantry Regiment. In Texas, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter in San Antonio worked with the state legislature to make available specialty license plates honoring the Borinqueneers.

In Buffalo, New York , Casimiro D. Rodriguez Sr. a member of our committee and a community organizer, is mobilizing support for New York State to also have a specialty license plate. This license plate will expand on the contributions and impact of Puerto Ricans made in New York and throughout the United States. This needed initiative is being sponsored by the Honorable Assemblymember Jon Rivera (A1152) and Senator Gustavo Rivera (S5657).

The Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York Inc. and the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal National Committee are also advocating for this historic recognition. Casimiro D. Rodriguez Sr. stated, "The story of the Borinqueneers has a very uniting message that must be told throughout the state." The 65th is also unique in that the service of Puerto Ricans in the United States Armed Forces started in 1899 and is presently active in the Puerto Rico National Guard. Many Puerto Ricans identify themselves with the unit because of their military service and their family legacy. Samuel Sam Rodriguez, CEO of Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony National Committee, himself born in the Bronx and a U.S. Army veteran, is one of the central leaders that helped get legislation and collaborated with the U.S. Mint on the design of the Borinqueneers medal. Joel Iskovitz an internationally established artist and New Yorker living in Woodstock, New York, designed the 65th medal. The Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal has cultural and historic traits in New York State.

"One of my happiest days, since we began giving medals, to our Borinqueneers, was in my hometown, New York City and this license plate will one be also paraded in the National Puerto Rican Day Parade I am also sure Goya Foods Inc. will be interested to participate in this initiative since they also sponsored the purchase of thousands of medals to support the veterans," said Samuel Rodriguez.



# NEW YORK STATE WILL HONOR OUR BORINQUENEERS



## NATIONAL BORINQUENEERS DAY COMMEMORATION



**BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY NAVAL & MILITARY PARK  
HISPANIC AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 - 11:00 AM**



**65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT**



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Wealth*

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## Our Featured Topics

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## RSVP - Free No Cost

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# COMIC BOOK FESTIVAL!



# FREE

Date: May 20th, 2023

Location: 261 Swan St, Buffalo NY  
The Psycho Olivencia Center

Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm



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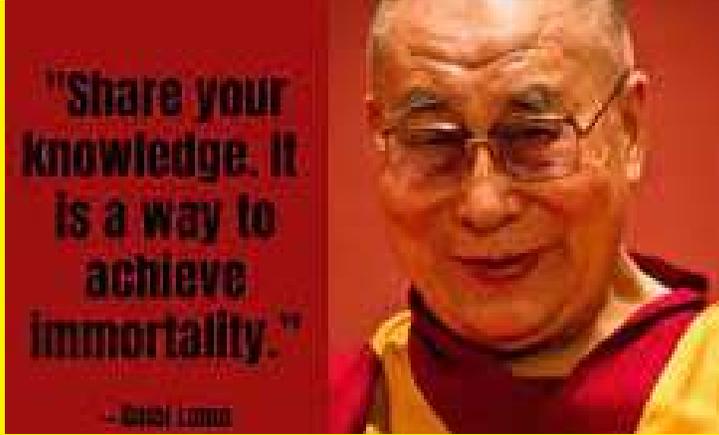
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