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## Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at IWU

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday, Sept. 13, through Tuesday, Oct. 25, by hosting a variety of activities.

All events during the celebration are free and open to the public.

The national Hispanic Heritage Month formally begins on Sept. 15, which marks the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico celebrates its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, over 35 million people in the United States are Hispanic or Latino. The month is a time to celebrate those who identify themselves as Hispanic, Latino or Spanish as well as to celebrate the independence of their native countries.

Following are some events that will take place on the IWU campus in celebration of the event:

- Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., Teatro Milagro of the Miracle Theatre will perform “Cuéntame Coyote” in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington). Combining folktales of the Southwest with current global issues and the Spanish language, the Portland-based touring theatre company will tell the story of two orphan girls lost in the deserts of the borderlands. Using drama, Teatro Milagro will try to share the diversity of Latin America and advocate for global unity.
- Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m., the Council For Latin American Student Enrichment (CLASE) will host the annual Nuyorican Poets Café in the Underground of the Memorial Center. A Nuyorican, by definition, is a person of Puerto Rican descent living in New York City. Founded circa 1973 in the East Village in New York City, the Nuyorican Poets Cafe began as a way for Nuyoricans to share their poetry, which discussed key issues such as poverty, race and identity. The original Nuyorican Poets Café in New York has emerged as one of the country’s most highly respected art organizations, giving emerging artists who are traditionally under-represented in the media a multi-cultural venue to exhibit their work.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m., Walter Roldán y Su Conjunto, a Uruguayan band will be perform in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Center. The band will perform a type of music found in the rural areas of Uruguay. Walter Roldán y Su Conjunto is known by some critics as one of the country’s foremost interpreters and presenters of traditional accordion melodies.
- Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m., the movie “House of the Spirits” will be shown in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington). Based on the famous novel by Isabel Allende, “Casa de Los Espíritus,” the actors, including Meryl Streep, Glenn Close, Jeremy Irons, Winona Ryder, and Antonio Banderas, tell the tragic story of a Hispanic family as they suffer through such trials as infidelity, political upheaval, death and clairvoyance.
- Friday, Oct. 14 from 7:30-11 p.m., CLASE will host the annual Barrio Fiesta in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Center. This event will feature a combination of different types of Latin music with a chance to learn the art of salsa, bachata, merengue, rumba and more.

For a listing of additional events, please see the University Calendar or contact Damaris Ortiz, president of CLASE, at [dotriz@iwu.edu](mailto:dotriz@iwu.edu) or Nicole Brown-Davis, director of Multicultural Affairs, at [nbrownda@iwu.edu](mailto:nbrownda@iwu.edu).



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