

Jorge Huerta receives Nosotros Organizations's Special Tribute Award in Theatre

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JORGE HUERTA, DIRECTOR OF UCSD'S HISPANIC-AMERICAN THEATRE PROGRAM, RECEIVES THE NOSOTROS ORGANIZATION'S SPECIAL TRIBUTE AWARD

The Nosotros Organization in Los Angeles, which for the past 20 years has helped to promote the image of Hispanic-Americans in the entertainment industry, has awarded director Jorge Huerta a Special Tribute Award in Theatre. Huerta is head of the University of California, San Diego's Hispanic-American Theatre Program.

The presentation was made in June during the 20th annual Golden Eagle Awards, held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills. The two-hour ceremonies will be televised in San Diego on Sept. 26 at 10 p.m. on KTTY (Ch. 69), and in Los Angeles on Sept. 4 at 8 p.m., on Fox KTTV (Ch. 11).

Huerta recently wound up a seven-city European summer tour with members of the UCSD Teatro Nuevo Siglo (Theatre for a New Century). The ensemble consists of students from the UCSD Hispanic-American Theatre Program.

Prior to leaving, Huerta directed the one-man dramatization "I Am Celso," the premiere production of Mascara Magica, San Diego's first professional Latino theatre company. The play was adapted for performance by Huerta and the play's star, Ruben Sierra, from works by poet Leo Romero. Mascara Magica was cofounded by Huerta and Southwestern College theatre professor William Virchis, with the sole purpose of developing and producing Latino theatre. Huerta is Mascara Magica's artistic director.

A professional director and actor, author and leading academic authority on contemporary Chicano and Hispanic-American theatre, Huerta has directed such noted plays as "Burning Patience," by Antonio Skarmeta and "Los Vendidos," by Luis Valdez.

The president of Nosotros, Marc Allen Trujillo, said that the Nosotros organization is committed to furthering the advancement of Hispanic-Americans in theatre, films and the electronic entertainment industry. The organization sponsors committees which promote events to showcase actors and actresses of Hispanic-American descent, as well as operating the Nosotros Theatre in Los Angeles. The theatre's next production is, "An Inspector Calls," opening in September.

Other celebrities who received Nostotros "Golden Eagle" Awards are: Cesar Chavez (Lifetime Achievement), Gloria Estafan (Outstanding Female Performer), Raul Julia (Outstanding Actor), Jose Luis Valenzuela (Special Tribute Award in Theatre) and Carmen Zapata (Special Tribute Award in Theatre).

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