

## **Jorge Huerta honored at Kennedy Center ceremony, April 21**

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### JORGE HUERTA HONORED AT KENNEDY CENTER CEREMONY

Jorge Huerta, professor of theatre at the University of California, San Diego, and a leading authority on contemporary Chicano and Latino theatre, was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Theatre during April 21 ceremonies at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.

The College recognizes eminent individuals whose life work constitutes an outstanding contribution to the theatre profession, and annually inducts a small group of individuals whose work has received national recognition. Among these are actors, critics, designers, directors, playwrights, producers, program administrators, research scholars and teachers.

Huerta holds the Chancellor's Associates Endowed Chair in Theatre at UCSD. He founded El Teatro de la Esperanza and was co-founder of the Old Globe's Theatre Meta and San Diego's first independent professional Latino theatre company, Teatro Mascara Magica, now a multi-cultural theatre.

His successful 1988 university troupe tour of Spain, France and Western Europe attracted international attention. Additionally, he has produced and directed several highly acclaimed bilingual productions in New York and San Diego.

Huerta has received grants from the Ford Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the California Arts Council, and the California Council for the Humanities.

He has traveled widely in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America presenting lectures on Chicano theatre and has published articles, reviews, and a major book, *Chicano Theatre: Themes and Forms*.

Huerta was among a group of seven honored at the induction ceremony.

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