

Latina GLBT Women Host First of its Kind “Mujeres en el Movimiento” Networking Event

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Washington, DC - For the first time ever, the Latino GLBT History Project (LHP) will host "Mujeres en el Movimiento" a unique social event for Latina Lesbians in Washington, D.C. in celebration of Women's History Month. "As a Latina, I want to see more of myself reflected in our Community's cultural scene," says Esther Hidalgo, Host Committee Chair and LHP Board Member. "I hope this event will encourage capable, wise Latinas in the community to contribute to LHP's important mission to preserve Latino gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) history and growing agenda to increase the visibility of the diversity of GLBT Latinos/as."

"Mujeres en el Movimiento" will be an outlet GLBT Latina and women of color in the District have been desperately waiting for, which will provide networking opportunities, a space to meet other women and the opportunity to share stories of achievement and leadership among our community. The Latino GLBT History Project will honor Laura M. Esquivel for her groundbreaking local and national leadership as a Latina advancing both the GLBT and Latino communities in civil and human rights advocacy.

WHAT: "Mujeres en el Movimiento" Networking Happy Hour

WHEN: Friday, March 23, 2012 • 6:30-8:30pm

WHERE: MOVA, 2204 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

WHO: Women, Latino GLBT History Project

We are thrilled to support the Latino GLBT History Project," said Babak Movahedi, principal of MOVA. "MOVA has always and will continue to support the inclusion of women through out the GLBT community. In-fact, both of our properties have dedicated weekly events just for the ladies."

We invite proud Latinas and members of Washington's active GLBT community to join us at MOVA on Friday, March 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm for drinks, great Latino music and a digital exhibition of 17 striking black & white portraits and profiles of Latina activists from metropolitan Washington, D.C. who have made significant contributions to empower and increase the visibility of GLBT Latinas and Latinos. The exhibit, titled "Héroes Latinas" features Martha Alvarado, Nilda Aponte, Yajaira Arreaza, Hilary Burger, Ingrid Duran, Laura M. Esquivel, Letitia Gomez, Margarita Lopez, Lisbeth Melendez-Rivera, Dilcia Molina, Lucia G. Perillan, Catherine M. Pino, Olga Rodriguez, Rosa Roldan-Torres , Eva Young, Maria Cecilia Zea and Beatriz Zuluaga. The photographs were taken by local photographer Kevin Kenner.

A suggested donation of \$5 includes a complimentary Finlandia cocktail.

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The Latino GLBT History Project (LHP)'s mission is to investigate, collect, preserve and educate the public about the history, culture, heritage, arts, social and rich contributions of the Latino GLBT community in metropolitan Washington, D.C. To accomplish our mission, the LHP creates educational exhibits from our historical archives collection showcased at cultural events such as, a Women's History Month Reception, a Hispanic GLBT Heritage Reception and DC Latino Pride, educational presentations at local and national conferences and through our online virtual museum at www.LatinoGLBTHistory.org.

For more information, to volunteer or sponsor the event please contact Esther Hidalgo at EHidalgo@LatinoGLBTHistory.com (202) 670-5547.

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