

# National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts™ Twelfth Annual Noche de Gala Dinner on September 9, 2008

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (**CapitalWire PR**) September 6, 2008-- NHFA co-founders Jimmy Smits, Merel Juliá, Esai Morales and Felix Sanchez will host the Twelfth Annual Noche de Gala benefit dinner featuring a bipartisan group of Capitol Hill lawmakers and Latino celebrities. NHFA was created in 1997 to promote Hispanic talent in the performing arts.

**WHO:** Jimmy Smits, Esai Morales, Merel Juliá and Felix Sanchez Co-Hosts/Co-Founders

Patricia Rikken, Director, "La Misma Luna" (Under the Same Moon)  
2008 Raul Julia Award

Lin-Manuel Miranda, Creator and Star of Tony Award Winning "In the Heights"  
2008 Horizon Award (Video acceptance)

Honorable Carlos M. Gutierrez  
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce

Honorable Linda Sanchez  
United States House of Representatives

Attendees: Eugenio Derbez and Adrian Alonzo, both of La Misma Luna. Jacob Vargas of Death Race; Efren Ramirez of Napoleon Dynamite; Benito Martinez of FX's The Shield; Kurt Caceres of The Last Word; Aimee Garcia of B-Girl; Jesse Garcia of Quincinera; Jack Guzman of Sons of Liberty; Celines Toribio of Trópico de sangre; Yvonne DeLaRosa, actor, screenwriter and former NHFA scholarship recipient and actor Paulo Benedetti.

Musical Guests:  
Willy Chirino

**WHAT:** National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts  
Black Tie Reception and Noche de Gala Dinner

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
Reception – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Renaissance Mayflower, Grand Ballroom  
1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**TICKETS:** Contact the Foundation's office (202) 293-8330

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