

1st Annual
Hispanic Heritage
Celebration Gala



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Please join us and our co-hosts, St. Paul Mayor, Randy Kelly and Minnesota Secretary of State, Mary Kiffmeyer, Rick Aguilar and special guests, Consul of Mexico, Nathan Wolf and Senator Norm Coleman (invited) for the 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration Gala.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the country from September 15 through October 15, we invite you to come and celebrate with us. Minnesota is home to a very large Hispanic population who have contributed in so many ways to making Minnesota a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Author
Sandra Benitez

Our honored guest and keynote speaker is, Author Sandra Benitez, 2004 recipient of the National Hispanic Heritage Award Foundation Honoree for Literature. Sandra's first book, *A Place Where the Sea Remembers*, set in Mexico, won wonderful reviews and prizes, including the Barnes & Noble Discover Award and selection as a finalist for the Los Angeles Times' First Fiction Award. Her second book, *Bitter Grounds* was described by Author Isabel Allende as "the kind of book that fills your dreams for weeks". Poet and novelist Demetria Martinez has called it "a major contribution to the literature of America". *A Place Where the Sea Remembers* was chosen for the "Saint Paul Reads" 2005-May 2006 all-city and school book-selection.

This celebration offers us the opportunity to reflect on the contributions of the Hispanic community and their rich culture.

Enjoy this special evening with leaders from the Hispanic community, and our Twin Cities business and civic community. Our good friends at Saint Paul RiverCentre are proud to host the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding evening.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2005 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saint Paul RiverCentre
175 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, Minnesota

\$40 per person

\$400 for table of 10 (includes company or organization mention in event program)

6:00 pm - Reception and Cash Bar

Entertainment featuring, Kico Rangel y Los Amigos

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

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