

## **Latino/Latina Heritage Month 2008**

### **Speaker and Performer Biographies and Event Descriptions**

#### **Rosa Clemente Lecture**

##### **Saturday, 9/13/2008, West Lecture Hall**

Rosa Clemente is a community organizer, journalist and hip-hop activist. Born and raised in the South Bronx, she is a graduate of the University of Albany and Cornell University. A much sought after commentator, political activist, community organizer and independent reporter, Rosa has been delivering workshops, presentations and commentary for over ten years. She is currently running for Vice President on the Green Party ticket.

#### **Rebel Diaz Performance**

##### **Saturday, 9/13/08, Dionysus Disco**

Rebel Diaz, the in-your-face trio out of Chicago, mix strong political statements with their dynamic flow and character. Rebel Diaz came together as a performance group in early 2006 when they were invited to perform their revolutionary music in front of 500,000 people at the historic immigrant rights march in New York City. This opportunity to speak to the masses began as a direct extension of their political work in the South Bronx, where they currently organize around immigration, education and housing issues.

#### **Día de la Raza Formal Banquet**

##### **Saturday, 11-21-08, Lewis Center Atrium**

This event is held each year as a celebration to serve as an alternative to Christopher Columbus Day. Día de la Raza literally means "Day of the Race", and is an effort to celebrate the Latino/a heritage of the Americas, and by extension, the multiracial heritage of all those races and cultures which contributed to it. A formal dinner is organized inviting many organizations of Oberlin College including faculty and students.

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