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42nd Annual LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN

FESTIVAL



4/5/2025
4-9pm
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1st floor-Galleria



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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY...

In 1979, on a typical afternoon at CLAS, Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Director), June Belkin (Assistant to the Director), and Shirley Kregar (Assistant Director) were brainstorming ideas for the upcoming year. They asked, "How can we promote Latin American culture and involve local Latin American communities?" Shirley suggested, "Let's have a Latin American and Caribbean Festival!" No one could have predicted that this idea would grow into one of the most important cultural events at the University and, 40+ years later, a major city-wide celebration. While Shirley sparked the idea, Alan Adelman was the one who organized the first festival, many of his original ideas are still part of the event today.

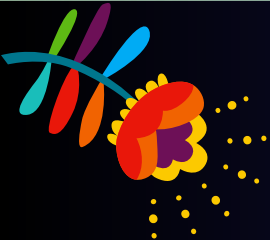
The Latin American and Caribbean Festival has been a success year after year, with increasing participation and media coverage. Now, as we celebrate its 42nd edition, the Festival continues to be one of the largest gatherings in Western Pennsylvania.

The mission of the Festival is to highlight the rich cultures of the Americas and raise awareness of the resources available in Pittsburgh to both students and the general public.



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SPECIAL GUEST



Federico Ríos

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Join us at the festival to meet **Federico Ríos**, the renowned Colombian photojournalist whose powerful storytelling has earned him global recognition. With a career dedicated to exploring migration, armed conflict, and environmental issues in Latin America, Federico's work has been featured in The New York Times and other leading publications.

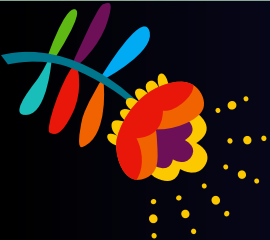
His acclaimed photobooks *Darién* and *VERDE* highlight the resilience of communities facing immense challenges. Federico's exceptional contributions to journalism have earned him prestigious awards, including the James Foley Medill Medal for Courage in Journalism (2024), the Siena Award for Daily Life and Contemporary Issues (2024), recognition as Photojournalist of the Year by POY Latam (2023), and the 2025 World Press Photo Contest - South America - Long-Term Projects for Paths of Desperate Hope.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet a true pioneer in the world of photojournalism!

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Arbonne International

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Building New Hope/ New Hope Coffee

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Casa San Jose

Colombia en Pittsburgh

Edward Jones (Financial)

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Hilltop Alliance

Immigrant Services and Connections (ISAC)

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Latino Community Center

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Latin American Graduate Organization of Students (LAGOS)

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Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation (PHDC)

Pittsburgh Latino Magazine

Latinx Student Association (LSA)

Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

Pitt Brazil Nuts & The Luso-Brazilian Student Association

Pitt Greensburg Spanish Club

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Quechua Program at Pitt

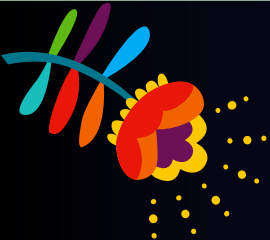
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ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

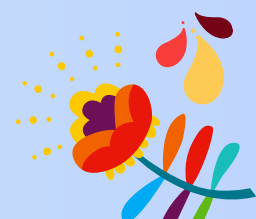
- Artesanías Corazón de Chamula
- Clementina
- Gold at Midnight
- Hippie's Urban Art
- Mexico Lindo Mercado y Galeria de Artesanias
- NMDP
- Raelynn Custom Design LLC
- Sweet Swirl

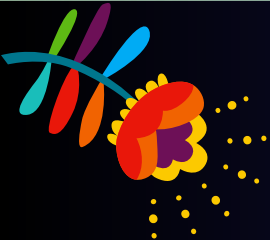


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FOOD VENDORS

- Caribbean Village Fusion
- Cilantro & Ajo
- El Rincón Oaxaqueño
- Mercearia Brasil
- Pupusas y Antojitos Helen



CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

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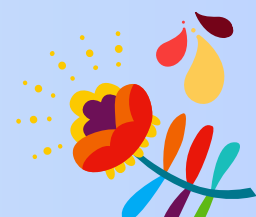
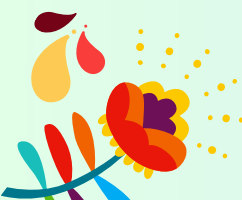
- **4:30-7:00 PM Alebrijes**

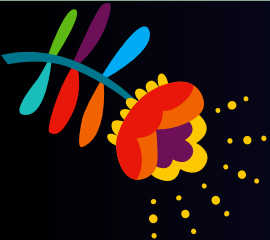
(Suggested donation \$10--includes alebrije,
& painting materials)

- **6:00 PM Piñatas**

(Free)

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PERFORMANCES

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| 4:00-9:00 PM | DJ Juan Diego |
| 4:00-4:30 PM | Coro Latinoamericano of Pittsburgh |
| 4:40-5:00 PM | PGH Tango Connection |
| 5:00-5:10 PM | Katie & Aamer |
| 5:10-5:15 PM | CLAS Welcome |
| 5:15-6:00 PM | Pittsburgh Samba Group & Timbeleza |
| 6:00-6:25 PM | BESAME |
| 6:45-7:00 PM | SouthSide Family |
| 7:10-7:20 PM | Wayta Peru |
| 7:30-8:00 PM | Dan Meunier (Steel Drums) |
| 8:00-9:00 PM | Dance to the Rhythms of the Americas with DJ Juan Diego |

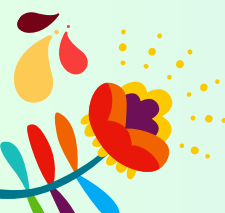
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MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

- Ana Paula Carvalho
- Jaquelin Hernandez-Martinez
- Isabella Rodriguez
- Ruben Zamora

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